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From the President

Our faculty: A life force unlike any other

A university's faculty has a life-giving quality that can define an institution. If students are the end product of what we do, springing into full professional and personal bloom upon graduation, then faculty is a constantly renewing force. Faculty is the recharging groundwater that each year provides the wellspring of learning, discovery and engagement that brings our campus to life.

The past several years have been a time of record-setting productivity and achievement by our faculty. Our faculty has embraced the concept of experiential, "hands-on" learning in their classrooms. Our faculty has further re-defined its impact by challenging our students to not only excel in our lecture halls and laboratories here in Reno, but on national stages in student team competitions. We've hauled home national student team championships in practically every major academic and artistic discipline—engineering and neuroscience, theater and parliamentary debate, just to name a few—in the past five years alone.

Our faculty has also achieved on a national and international scale in research. Whether it has been the national attention garnered through the effort to save the world's monster fish, the durable work of one of the nation's longest-funded competitive grants in smooth muscle plasticity, or making the world's large-scale structures safer through the work of our civil engineering faculty in the world's largest and most versatile earthquake engineering laboratory, there is no question the research portfolio and creative output by our faculty have been impactful.

In terms of engagement, our campus' boundaries are no longer physical boundaries. Our old boundaries have given way to partnership and collaboration with our community, our region, and our state. Never has this connection been stronger. And never have more faculty been more deeply embedded in our state's collective future than right now.

As a way of showing the institution's appreciation for the transformational difference of our faculty, we offer many awards, many of them presented at the end of each academic year. Foundation Professor is one of the highest honors we bestow upon a faculty member. For more than 30 years, the University has recognized and saluted 90 of our professors for outstanding achievement through this award. Yvonne Stedham, a 2010 Foundation Professor, once said that her profession offered her an opportunity to make "a real difference in someone's life. It is such a privilege to have such an impact on another person." Or, I might add, an impact on an entire University through the excellence that professors such as Yvonne represent.

This is a time of advancement for our University. As we grow, our commitment to quality remains high—particularly among our faculty. Over the next five years, we plan to bring in an additional 400 new faculty—more than 300 of which will be tenure-track positions.

Our hope is that these new additions will find in their colleagues what we see every day: An unwavering ability to expand the boundaries of learning, discovery and engagement while pursuing exceptional standards of rigor, quality and achievement.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Johnson
President

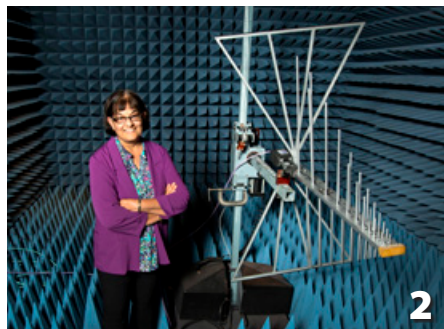
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Dr. Linda Curcio, Associate Professor and Department of History Chair, receives the F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award at the Honor the Best ceremony.

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Since 1983, the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation has honored standout faculty for their indelible teaching and research contributions to the University. This issue's cover features the 2015 University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Professors Indira Chatterjee, Mark Nichols and James Kenyon. "The University is very supportive of all my work and research," Kenyon says. "I take the award of Foundation Professor as an indication that they appreciate what I do, but I really appreciate the opportunities the University has given me." Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas.



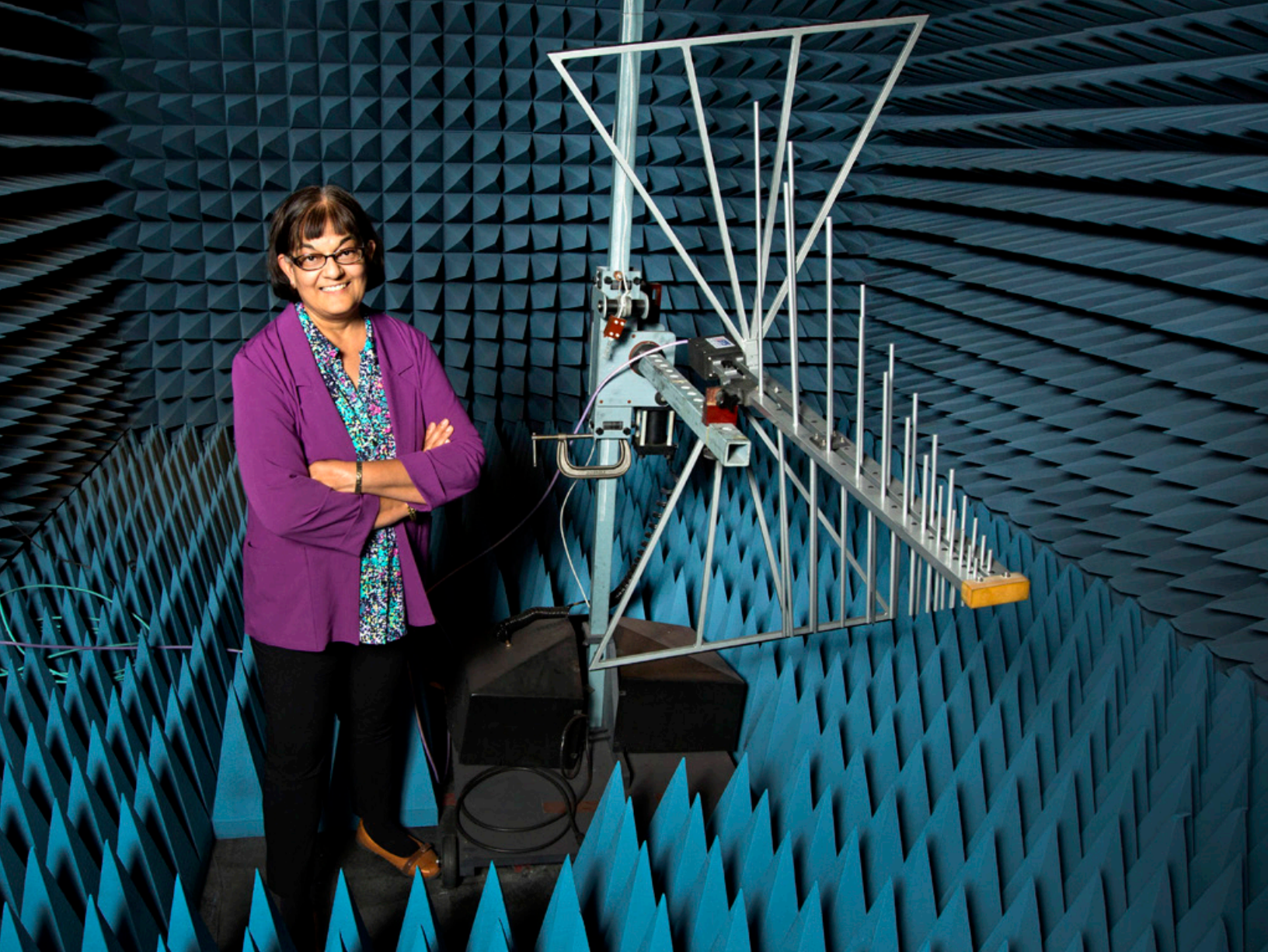
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Foundation Professors at Nevada

Driving Excellence in Research and Instruction

By Roseann Keegan. Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas.

Stephanie Luongo '05, '09 M.S. (electrical engineering), a systems engineer at Sierra Nevada Corporation, says College of Engineering Professor Indira Chatterjee has been an important mentor to female engineering students at the University of Nevada, Reno. "She has shown tremendous support by offering guidance and challenging us to excel beyond the classroom," Luongo says. "We are all very grateful to Dr. Chatterjee and all that she does."

Since 1983, the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation has honored standout faculty like Chatterjee for their indelible teaching and research contributions to the University. This year, Chatterjee, Mark Nichols and James Kenyon were named 2015 University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Professors.

"The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation proudly salutes these three professors for their outstanding accomplishments," says Foundation Chair Mary Simmons '78 (accounting).

"They carry on the legacy of academic excellence demonstrated by the nearly 100 Foundation Professors honored since 1983."

Recipients are nominated by their deans and selected by a committee comprised of faculty peers and Foundation board members, chaired by University Provost Kevin Carman. They receive an annual stipend of \$5,000 for three years, provided by the Foundation, to further their professional endeavors. Their names are engraved in the granite pillars of the Univer-



LEFT: Foundation Professor Indira Chatterjee in her radio frequency anechoic chamber laboratory used for making electromagnetic measurements. Chatterjee is active in the recruitment and mentoring of female engineering students and serves as faculty advisor for the Society of Women Engineers collegiate section. TOP: Foundation Professor Mark Nichols, a prominent scholar on the social and economic impact of the spread of casino gambling, is an avid road cyclist and bike commuter. He is a member of the Regional Transportation Commission's Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

sity's Honor Court.

"The Foundation Professor program was developed to recognize and salute the University's professors for outstanding achievements, particularly in research and teaching," Carman says. "Foundation professors meet a select criteria—they must be hold a tenured professorship at the University, have a record of excellence in their discipline as a teacher and scholar, have achieved a position of national prominence in their field, have a demonstrated record of service to the University, and have a record of sustained achievement."

Professor Indira Chatterjee, associate dean of the College of Engineering, has made major contributions to the advancement and rapid growth of the college, especially in the areas of outreach, advisement and partnership with industries. Chatterjee has also been very active with the recruitment of female engineers and has served as faculty advisor for the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) student chapter on campus.

"Something happens between middle school and high school and we lose aspiring female engineers," Chatterjee says. "It's not so in other

countries. Here at the University of Nevada, Reno, the number of women in engineering is still hovering around 20 percent and we have been unable to cross that barrier. It's very important to have a group on campus that makes women feel comfortable in engineering and makes them feel like they have a community."

Luongo recalls how Chatterjee encouraged her to become more involved in the campus chapter of SWE, and was a big influence on her decision to pursue a master's degree at the University.

"Her genuine concern for so many of us who were fortunate enough to interact with

her during our time at Nevada remains strong,” says Luongo, the 2014 recipient of the College of Engineering’s prestigious James G. Scrugham Medal, which honors successful engineering alumni. “Even now, 10 years after graduation, she continues to stay in touch and show her support.”

Chatterjee joined the University in 1988 and is a tenured full professor in the Electrical and Biomedical Engineering Department, in addition to her duties as associate dean. She was recognized with the F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award in 1995. She was also selected as a faculty mentor by Senior Scholars in electrical engineering in 2005 and twice in 2001. She has received several honors for her commitment to teaching and advising students, including the Ralph E. and Rose A. Hooper Award for Excellence in Teaching and Advising in 2009, the University of Nevada, Reno IEEE Student Section Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2009 and the Silver Compass Award in 2005. She was also a Nevada Women’s Fund “Women of Achievement” honoree in 2001.

“Dr. Chatterjee has been, and continues to be, an inspiring role model for aspiring female engineers,” says College of Engineering Dean Manos Maragakis. “She also presents a comprehensive record of excellence in each area of her professional assignments.”

Chatterjee has developed a strong research program in the area of bioelectromagnetics by collaborating with Professor Gale Craviso at the University of Nevada School of Medicine and her engineering colleagues.

“Bioelectromagnetics is essentially the effect of electromagnetic fields on biological systems, including the human body,” Chatterjee says. “Right now, Dr. Craviso and I are looking at high-intensity nano electric pulse effects on cells. We’re hoping to discover some changes in the cell, which we hope will eventually lead to some clinical applications.”

Professor Mark Nichols, director of graduate programs in economics, is a prominent national and international scholar on the social and economic impact of the spread of casino gambling. His research focuses on the social, fiscal and economic impacts associated with the spread of casino gambling over the last 25 years.

“The main interesting question is, ‘What is the social and economic impact of casinos?’” Nichols says. “It’s been a wealth of questions to explore—topics not previously explored. Really, up until the early 90s, casinos were only legal here in Nevada and in Atlantic City.

“The truth of the social, fiscal and economic impacts of casino gambling, positive or negative, is in the middle,” Nichols says. “One thing that surprised me is that there’s not as big of an impact as people fear. There’s lots of opinions, though, especially on the negative side.”

“Nevada has really become a national and international institution. I’m excited to see where this University is going.”

—Professor Mark Nichols, director of graduate programs in economics

Nichols is a distinguished scholar in economics and has created a significant record of academic and professional accomplishments since joining the University as an assistant professor in 1996. He was promoted to associate professor in 2001 and full professor in 2009.

“Dr. Nichols has consistently demonstrated his ability to successfully and effectively teach undergraduate and graduate classes in economics and industrial organization,” says Greg Mosier, dean of The College of Business. “His student evaluations are among the best in the college.”

Nichols’ teaching and research awards from the University include the 2013 Graduate Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award from The

College of Business and being named a 2013 Senior Scholar Mentor.

In 2010, he was honored with Distinguished Researcher Awards from the Academy of Legal, Ethical and Regulatory Issues and the Academy of Banking Studies. He was named Beta Gamma Sigma Researcher of the Year in 2001.

“This is a great university,” Nichols says. “I’ve always been really well supported, I have great colleagues to work with, and the University has a nice balance between teaching and research. Both are valued. It’s a good match for me.

“Nevada has really become a national and international institution,” Nichols adds. “I’m excited to see where this University is going.”

Donald Siegel, School of Business dean at the University of Albany, New York, recently commissioned Nichols to write a chapter on the elasticity of casino gambling for the *Oxford Handbook of Economics of Gambling*. Siegel says Nichols’ section is “one of the best chapters in the book” and will be widely cited for years to come.

“Dr. Nichols is one of the world’s leading researchers on the economic and social impacts of gambling,” Siegel says. “Only a small set of academics at major research universities can match his record of scholarly achievement. His body of work is impressive, both in terms of quality and quantity.”

Professor James Kenyon serves as the senior associate dean for research at the University of Nevada School of Medicine and is the principal investigator of Nevada INBRE, a National Institutes of Health program designed to help traditionally underfunded states build biomedical infrastructure. He is also project coordinator of the Clinical Translational Research Infrastructure Network in collaboration with UNLV.

“Our goal is to help the faculty get their projects funded and published, adding knowledge and benefit to society,” Kenyon says. “It’s very exciting and challenging work.”

He joined the University of Nevada School of Medicine faculty as an associate professor in the Department of Physiology and Cell Biology (formerly the Department of Physiology) in 1987, was promoted to professor in 1996 and awarded tenure in 2000. He was appointed senior associate dean for research in 2012. He



Foundation Professor James Kenyon, senior associate dean for research at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, is the principal investigator of the Nevada INBRE, a National Institutes of Health program designed to help traditionally underfunded states build biomedical infrastructure.

has held several other positions during his 27 years at UNSOM and the University, including director of the interdisciplinary graduate program in molecular biosciences.

“Dr. Kenyon embodies the highest level of achievement across the three traditional roles in academic medicine: teacher, independent investigator and most recently, administrative leader,” says School of Medicine Dean Thomas Schwenk, M.D. “Of particular note are his national leadership positions in the INBRE program, a critical base of biomedical research infrastructure support and funding for which Dr. Kenyon has had substantial influence at the national level.”

In recent years, Kenyon’s work has focused on both the regulation of different types of potassium channels in smooth muscle and the

regulation of intracellular calcium in neurons.


“I really focused on the control of the excitability of sensory neurons that collect information from the skin and body and move it into the central nervous system,” Kenyon says. “Nociceptor neurons detect pain. When they’re active, you consciously say, ‘I hurt.’ There is much interest in what makes them active and what makes them stop.”

Since 2007, he has directed his efforts away from his basic science research toward the development of research infrastructure at UNSOM across seven Western states through the National Institutes of Health Institutional Development Award program.

“Moving forward in Nevada, we are focusing on providing mentoring, training and research opportunities in community colleges

throughout the state,” Kenyon says. “UNR and UNLV have powerful research opportunities for our students; they interact with active researchers all the time. Students at the community college level don’t have the same mentoring and guidance.”

The overall goal of the INBRE program is to increase Nevada’s biomedical workforce, Kenyon says.

“I feel very fortunate to come to an institution where discovery and translational research are valued,” Kenyon says. “The University is very supportive of all my work and research. I take the award of Foundation Professor as an indication that they appreciate what I do, but I really appreciate the opportunities the University has given me.” 



Philanthropy supports professorships and chairs at Nevada

A talented and dedicated faculty is the University's most precious—and most costly—resource. Recruiting and retaining a faculty of gifted educators is paramount. Recognizing the very important need to invest funds as a way of providing more opportunities for faculty to advance their creativity and research and to inspire and transform students, our supporters have provided generous funding for faculty positions across campus.

ENDOWED POSITIONS

College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources

Donna Anderson Professorship in Grazing and Rangelands Management

Established 2006

Holder: Tamzen Stringham

Donna Anderson made an estate gift to the University to create this professorship whose work is directed to maintaining the ranching tradition within the Great Basin through the improvement of rangeland management.

Frank R. & Joan Randall Endowed Professorship in Natural Resources and Environmental Science

Established 2013

Holder: Under recruitment

Frank Randall '56 (business administration) served on the Foundation Board of Trustees from 2001–06. Frank and his wife, Joan, established this professorship to encourage and support professors who work to preserve and steward the environment and its natural resources.

College of Liberal Arts

Lincoln and Meta Fitzgerald Western Traditions Chair

Established 2000

Holder: Barbara Walker

Lincoln and Meta Fitzgerald owned and operated

the Nevada Club, the Fitzgerald Hotel and Casino and the Nevada Lodge at Lake Tahoe. Remembering the state that was home to many memories, Meta provided for the Lincoln and Meta Fitzgerald Western Traditions Chair in her estate plans.

Grace A. Griffen Chair in History

Established 1998

Holder: William Rowley

Grace A. Griffen desired her appreciation of the West to be preserved through academic publications and public involvement. She left a gift to the University in her estate providing for this chair in history.

Mamie Kleberg Chair in Historic Preservation

Established 1978

Holder: Carolyn White

Mary Etta Sugden, the daughter of Mamie Kleberg, established this endowed chair to support historic preservation in Nevada. It was one of the first such chairs among the nation's Universities dedicated to historic preservation.

NEH Endowment for Western Traditions

Established 1996

Holders: Katherine Fusco and Catherine Chaput

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1965 to support research, education and public programs in the humanities. In 1996, University leadership applied for NEH funding and was awarded a grant to match private funds that were donated to establish permanent funding for humanities faculty positions at the University.

The College of Business

Charles N. Mathewson Professorship in Entrepreneurship

Established 2012

Holder: Mark Pingle

Charles Mathewson, former president, CEO and board chairman of IGT, established this professorship in an effort to expand the curriculum and provide long-term resources to facilitate student engagement in entrepreneurial and start-up ventures.

Philip G. Satre Chair in Gaming Studies

Established 2005

Holder: Under recruitment

Philip G. Satre '15 (honorary degree), a former executive for Harrah's, was honored by the Harrah's Foundation at his retirement by establishing this endowed chair in his name.

Hopping Professorship in Entrepreneurship

Established 2012

Holder: David Croasdale

Established by the Charles and Ruth Hopping Foundation, this endowed professorship will have the primary role of enhancing the entrepreneurship program, including the Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition.

Barbara Smith Campbell Distinguished Professor of Nevada Tax Policy

Established 2014

Holder: Mehmet Tosun

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation established this endowed position to support a professor

in economics with expertise in tax policy. The endowment honors Barbara Smith Campbell '78 (economics) and her many years of dedication and service to the Reynolds Foundation, the University and the state of Nevada.

College of Science

Clemons-Magee Professorships

Established 2012

Holders: Pat Arnott (physics), Kent Ervin (chemistry)

Mackay School of Mines graduate Gary Clemons '81 (earth science) and his wife, Susan Magee Clemons, established two endowed professorships in chemistry and physics to recognize professors who spark students' curiosity and creativity and motivate them to pursue careers in the fields of chemistry and physics.

Reynold Clayton Fuson Chemistry Professorship

Established 2004

Holder: Ben King

Reynold Clayton Fuson was an American chemist who spent 14 years at the end of his career as a distinguished visiting professor at the University. Fuson considered his students and colleagues his family and divided his substantial estate between several Universities to support students, lecturers and professorships.

Trevor J. McMinn Professorships

Established 2015

Holders: Andrei Derevianko (physics), Matt Forister (biology)

Mathematics Professor Trevor McMinn served 25 years at the University, retiring in 1988. After

his passing, the University received a gift from McMinn's estate, which was used to create professorships in the College of Science.

Seneca C. & Mary B. Weeks Professorship

Established 1983

Holder: Javier Rojo

Mary Lea Benson Weeks was a 1902 State Normal School graduate from the University. She married miner and cattle rancher Seneca Weeks in 1907. She left an estate gift to University to establish a chair in the basic sciences.

Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering

Arthur Brant Chair in Geophysics

Established 1991

Holder: John Muntean

While working for the Newmont Mining Corporation, Dr. Arthur A. Brant was in charge of geophysical research and development. In 1989, Brant's friends and former colleagues established an endowment with the University for an endowed chair in geophysics in his name.

John N. Butler Professorship in Extractive Metallurgy

Established 1986

Holder: Thom Seal

Established with a gift from the estate of metallurgy professor John Butler, who served as chair of the Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering and Mining Engineering Department.

Fred D. Gibson, Jr. Professorship in Science

Established 1999

Holder: Scott Mensing

Fred D. Gibson '51 has been an outstanding leader in the U.S. chemical industry for more than 50 years. He was named by the University as Alumnus of the Year in 2010 and received an honorary doctorate from Nevada in 1999.

Goldcorp Chair in Minerals Engineering

Established 2008

Holder: Carl Nesbitt

The chair supports the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering in recognition of the importance of higher education in the academic areas critical to the minerals industry.

Mackay School of Mines Curator

Established 1989

Holder: Garrett Barmore

Funded in part by a major gift from the W.M. Keck Foundation, this endowment provides for the Mackay School of Mines curator at the W.M. Keck Earth Science and Mineral Engineering Museum.

Newmont Professorship in Minerals Engineering

Established 2003

Holder: Jim Hendrix

Newmont Mining Corporation has generously sup-

ported the University for the last 40 years, including the establishment of this endowed faculty position.

Orvis School of Nursing

Arthur Emerton Orvis Professorship in Nursing

Established 1981

Holder: Sandra Talley

Reno resident, financier and philanthropist Arthur Emerton Orvis and his wife, Mae have made a tremendous impact at Nevada. This professorship provides for a published professor with research grant application and management experience and teaching and service awards.

Division of Health Sciences

Jean Sanford Distinguished Professorship

Established 1997

A gift from the estate of Jean Sanford created this professorship to develop, implement, and foster academic and applied research, scholarship and statewide collaboration to shape the future of geriatrics and gerontology in Nevada.

University of Nevada School of Medicine

Kratter Chair in Geriatric Medicine

Established 1980

Real estate investor Marvin Kratter gifted stock to the University in his estate plans to establish a chair devoted to research and teaching in the field of geriatric medicine in the School of Medicine.

Louis E. Lombardi M.D. Professorship in Family Medicine

Established 2000

Louis Lombardi, M.D., a physician for the University athletics program, a Board of Regents member and a University alumnus, played a vital role in establishing the University of Nevada School of Medicine. This fund was created in his name by family and friends to support teaching and research in the School of Medicine.

H. Edward Manville, Jr. Chair for Internal Medicine

Established 1985

Holder: Daniel Shapiro

Hiram Edward Manville designated a gift to the University in his estate which established the School of Medicine's first endowed faculty chair.

Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D. Chair in Medical Biochemistry

Established 2014

Holder: Future recruitment

Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D., has worked for more than 30 years in the bio-pharmaceutical industry. Hitchcock established this fund to support a tenure-track faculty position that will focus on medical biochemistry.

College of Engineering

Ralph E. Hoeper Professorship in the College in Engineering

Established 2006

Holder: Henry Fu

Ralph E. Hoeper '51 (electrical engineering) and his wife, Rose, were pioneers in California independent telephony. In Ralph's memory, Rose established the first endowed professorship at the College of Engineering.

Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism

Paul A. Leonard Chair for Ethics and Writing in Journalism

Established 2007

Holder: Caesar Andrews

The Leonard family name has been synonymous with higher education and philanthropy in Nevada for decades. The estate of Gwen Leonard '37 (history) provided that part of her estate would create a chair in the Reynolds School in honor of her late husband, Paul A. Leonard '36 (journalism).

Donald W. Reynolds Chair in Business Journalism

Established 2008

Holder: Alan Deutschman

This Donald W. Reynolds Foundation endowment supports the business journalism program.

Donald W. Reynolds Chair in Media Entrepreneurship

Established 2000

Holder: Mignon Fogarty

This Donald W. Reynolds Foundation endowment supports for media entrepreneurship program.

Donald W. Reynolds Chair in New Media Technologies

Established 2000

Holder: Larry Dailey

This Donald W. Reynolds Foundation endowment provides support for new media technologies.

Fred W. Smith Chair

Established 2007

Holder: Alan Stavitsky

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation established a permanently endowed position to be occupied by the dean of the Reynolds School of Journalism and named in honor of the chairman of the Las Vegas-based Reynolds Foundation.

University of Nevada, Reno

Lavery Family, Sheckler and Stevenson Family Endowments

Established 2004, 2008 and 2004

Holder: Marc A. Johnson

Estate gifts from Richard and Ruth Lavery, Eva Sheckler and Budd O. Stevenson established endowments for the University which currently support University leadership. Richard and Ruth Lavery were Lake Tahoe residents, Eva Sheckler

was a 22-year employee of the university, and Budd Stevenson, a 1928 graduate of Nevada, was a successful building contractor in Redwood City, and eventually built the Governor's Mansion in Sacramento.

TERM POSITIONS

Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering

Barrick Gold of North America Visiting Professorship

Established 2010

Holder: Thom Seal

Barrick Gold Corporation, the gold industry leader, supports the Mackay School through this visiting professorship.

Goldcorp Term Professorship in Mining Engineering

Established 2011

Holder: Karoly "Charles" Kocsis

The Goldcorp Term Professorship in Mining Engineering supports the Mackay School in recognition of the importance of higher education in the academic areas critical to the minerals industry.

Kinross Term Professorship in Mining Engineering

Established 2013

Holder: Javad Sattarvand

Kinross, the nation's largest producer of gold, silver, barite, lithium carbonate and mined magnesite, established this professorship to invest in the growth of the Mining Engineering Department.

University of Nevada School of Medicine

Redfield UNSOM Chair in Pediatrics

Established 2014

Holder: Under recruitment

With the goal of taking additional concrete steps to improve the health of children in northern Nevada, the Nell J. Redfield Foundation has pledged funding for a joint chair of Pediatrics at the University of Nevada School of Medicine/pediatrician-in-chief of Renown Children's Hospital.

University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Professorships

Established 1983

Holders: Indira Chatterjee, James Kenyon, Mark Nichols

The Foundation Professor program was developed in 1983 by the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees to recognize and salute the University's professors for outstanding achievements, particularly in research and teaching. Funding is provided by the University Foundation. (See pages 2 and 9)

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GREAT FACULTY

The heart of the University

For more than 140 years, the University's faculty have been the architects of the Nevada experience. They are not only engaged and accomplished educators, they are mentors who inspire and lead our students as they turn their dreams into reality. To honor and acknowledge Nevada's top faculty, the Board of Regents for the Nevada System of Higher Education, the University and local, national and international organizations present prestigious honors each year. This year's slate of award winners shares a commitment to the academic excellence that is the hallmark of a University of Nevada, Reno education.

Regents' Academic Advisor Award, Undergraduate;
Undergraduate Advising Award

Erin Stiles

Erin Stiles joined the Department of Anthropology in 2008. She has served as the primary academic advisor for undergraduate majors in anthropology for several years and has chaired many undergraduate honors theses. Stiles' research and teaching interests are in the anthropology of religion and law, and she conducts fieldwork in Zanzibar, Tanzania and Utah. Most of her published work focuses on marital disputes in Islamic family courts in rural Zanzibar, including *An Islamic Court in Context: An Ethnographic Study of Judicial Reasoning*. She currently chairs the minor program in religious studies at the University, and chairs the executive board of the Southwestern Anthropological Association.

Regents' Creative Activities Award

Emma Sepúlveda Pulvirenti

Foundation Professor Emma Sepúlveda Pulvirenti '76 (Spanish), '78 M.A. (Spanish) serves

as founding director of the Latino Research Center and is the author and co-author of 28 books and scores of articles and newspaper columns. She has been invited to give lectures and to read her work in Latin America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Sepúlveda Pulvirenti is the recipient of many awards, including the Latino Book Award for her last two books, *Seventy Days of Night/Setenta días de noche* and *Gringosincrasias*. She has also received the Latina Women of the Year in Literature Award from GEMS television network and the Nevada Governor's Excellence in the Arts Award. In 2014, she was appointed by President Barack Obama to the 12-member Fulbright International Scholarship Commission.

Regents' Rising Researcher Award

Eelke Folmer

Eelke Folmer is an associate professor in computer science and engineering, where he leads the Human+ lab, which specializes in human-computer interaction research. His research focuses on designing, building and evaluating technology to address high-impact

social problems pertaining to assistive technology, accessibility, health and well-being. His research has explored the use of exercise games to create new exercise opportunities for blind children; using Google Glass to develop a low-cost indoor navigation system for blind users; and most recently the use of aerial robots to guide blind athletes. His research is funded by the National Science Foundation, Google and Microsoft. His research projects have been featured in *New Scientist* magazine and the *MIT Technology Review*.

Outstanding Researcher of the Year

Andrei Derevianko

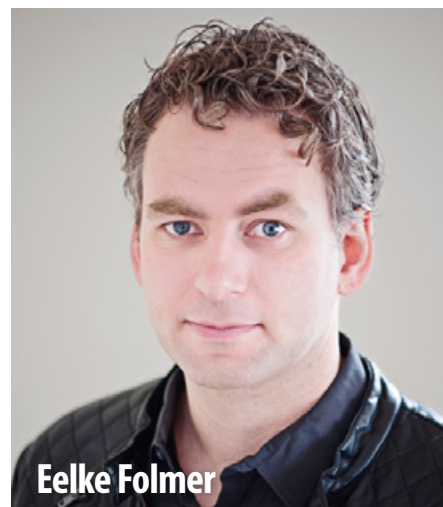
Andrei Derevianko, professor of physics, has published in theoretical physics since arriving at Nevada in 2001. He has contributed to the development of modern timekeeping with atomic clocks and to precision tests of fundamental laws of nature. He has published more than 100 refereed papers. Derevianko was the winner of the Mousel-Feltner Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity in the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science in 2006.



Erin Stiles



Emma Sepúlveda Pulvirenti



Eelke Folmer

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Foundation Professor

Indira Chatterjee

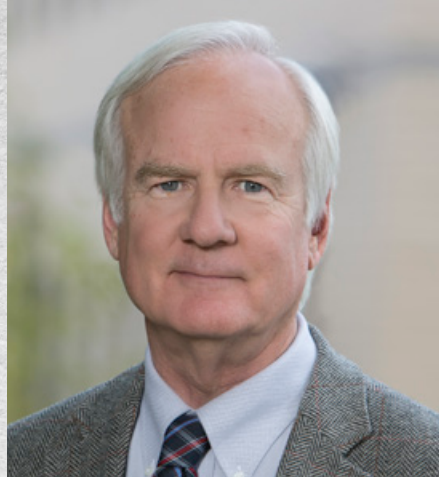
Indira Chatterjee, associate dean of engineering and professor of electrical and biomedical engineering, joined the University in 1988. Her research is in the effects of electromagnetic fields on biological systems. She has been selected by her students as a College of Engineering Senior Scholar mentor three times. She has won the F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award, the Ralph E. and Rose A. Hoeper Award for Excellence in Teaching and Advising, the Society of Women Engineers Region A Service Award, the Nevada Women's Fund "Women of Achievement" honor and the Silver Compass Award for extraordinary commitment to students. She has been principal/co-principal investigator on more than \$5 million in research funding.



Foundation Professor

Mark Nichols

Mark W. Nichols, professor in the Department of Economics, joined the University in 1996. His research focuses on the social, fiscal and economic impacts associated with the spread of casino gambling over the last 25 years. His research is nationally and internationally recognized and has appeared in more than 30 peer-reviewed publications, including Oxford University's Handbook of Gambling Economics. He served as department chair and is currently the director of graduate programs. His recent teaching awards include Senior Scholar Mentor in 2013 and Graduate Faculty Excellence in Teaching at The College of Business in 2012. He is also an avid cyclist.



Foundation Professor

James Kenyon

James Kenyon joined the Department of Physiology and Cell Biology in 1987. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association focusing on the cellular mechanisms that underlie the electrical activity of cardiac muscle, smooth muscle and sensory neurons. In 2007, he became the principal investigator and director of the NIH-funded NV INBRE project that is developing biomedical research at the University of Nevada, Reno, UNLV, and Nevada's colleges. In 2012, he led the development of the proposal that was funded as one of five national IDeA-CTR projects. He serves as the project coordinator of the resulting Mountain West Clinical and Translational Research Infrastructure Network.

Derevianko was elected fellow of the American Physical Society in 2008. He has been recognized as a Fulbright Scholar and Simons Fellow in theoretical physics.

Established Innovator Award

Patrick Arnott

Physics Professor W. P. Arnott received his undergraduate degree in physics from the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo. Before receiving his master's and doctorate degrees in physics from Washington State University, he worked on theory of phased array laser diodes during a summer internship at the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center. From 1992-2005, Arnott was at the Desert Research Institute Atmospheric Science Center, working on in situ sampling of cirrus clouds, geometrical aspects of infrared radiation transfer and development of photoacoustic instruments for aerosol optics measurements. He was the cowner of the Benjamin Liu Award for outstanding contributions to aerosol instrumentation and techniques

in 2013. Arnott credits much of his success to Mr. Adrian Gonzalez for his excellent high school curriculum on microelectronics at East High School.

Distinguished Faculty

Phillip Boardman

Phil Boardman, professor in Department of English, is a specialist in medieval literature and the Bible. In his 41 years at the University, he has won University, state and national teaching awards. He has led numerous travel courses to Europe and taught in university programs in London and Lüneburg, Germany. On campus, Boardman has chaired the Department of English, the Graduate Council, the Faculty Senate and the Core Humanities program. He is co-author of *The Arthurian Annals: The Tradition in English from 1250 to 2000*. Formerly chair of the Nevada Humanities Council, he has also sung in 81 productions with the Nevada Opera Chorus.

Distinguished Service

Yakov Varol

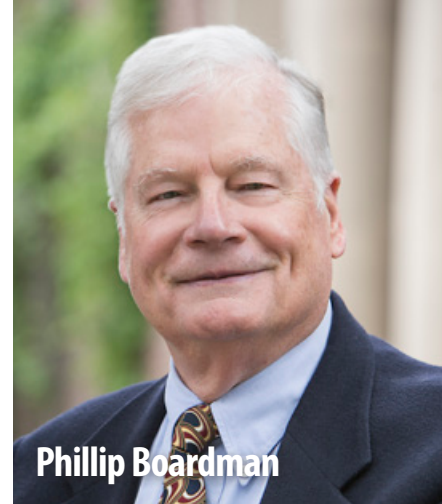
Computer science and engineering Professor Yakov Varol received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Robert College in Istanbul, Turkey. In 1971, he received his Ph.D. in mathematics with a specialty in computing and algorithms from the University of Wyoming. He has worked as a consultant for Systems Development Corporation, Israeli Aircraft Industries and the World Bank. Varol is currently a program evaluator for ABET, an accreditation organization for college and university programs in the disciplines of applied science, computing, engineering, and engineering technology at the associate, bachelor and master degree levels. He began his teaching career outside the United States as a faculty member at universities in Israel and South Africa, and was a visiting professor in China and Russia. Within the country, he has taught courses at Southern Illinois University, as well as the University of Nevada, Reno.



Andrei Derevianko



Patrick Arnott



Phillip Boardman



Yakov Varol



Yvonne Stedham



Lynda Wiest

University's Global Engagement Award

Yvonne Stedham

Yvonne Stedham is a professor of management and a 2010 University Foundation Professor in The College of Business. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in international management and management, including a course on mindful leadership, at the University of Nevada and the School of Management in Ingolstadt, Germany. Stedham is also a faculty member of the interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in social psychology at the University. She served on the State Council for the Society for Human Resource Management and is the past president of the Nevada World Trade Council. She has provided management training locally and nationally for state agencies, the Reno Police Department, REMSA and other organizations.

F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award

Lynda Wiest

Lynda Wiest joined the University's faculty in 1996. She specializes in mathematics education, educational equity and teacher education, areas in which she has extensively published, conducted professional presentations and

performed editorial work. Some of her most notable work involves gender and mathematics. Wiest founded the Northern Nevada Girls Math & Technology Program in 1998, which she continues to direct annually, and serves on the advisory board of the national organization Women and Mathematics Education. Wiest has won numerous awards from the college through national levels, including Outstanding Faculty Member of the University and Community College System of Nevada in 1999, the statewide Sarah Winnemucca Award in 2000, the Nevada Women's Fund's Women of Achievement Award in 2006 and the national-level Karen Dee Michalowicz Award in 2013.

F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award

Linda Curcio-Nagy

Linda Curcio-Nagy began learning Spanish in the fourth grade and has been studying, traveling, working and living in Latin America ever since. Curcio-Nagy, who teaches a wide variety of courses on ancient, colonial, and modern Latin America, completed her doctoral work at Tulane University's prestigious Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies, where she directed the center's Summer in Mexico

Program and its Latin American Curriculum Resource Center. She has been honored with the Alan Bible Teaching Award and the Edward Liewen Prize for Teaching from the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies.

Graduate Academic Advisor Award

Jane Detweiler

Jane Detweiler was appointed associate dean for the College of Liberal Arts at the University in 2013. She also is an associate professor of English, with a specialization in rhetoric and composition, and has in the past served as the director of the Core Writing Program. Detweiler has pursued a variety of inquiries into writing in academic, professional and public fora, with special emphasis on narrative as a mode of understanding the world and a means of inventing, composing and delivering arguments. She has published in the rhetoric of health care disciplines, composition pedagogy, writing program assessment and environmental discourse studies. More recently, her work has centered on public moral argumentation and political deliberation. She has taught courses in first-year composition, technical communication, professional writing, argu-



Linda Curcio-Nagy



Jane Detweiler



Marjorie Matocq



Vaidyanathan Subramanian



Patricia Ellison



Michael Maskaly

ment, composition pedagogy, gender and sexual identity studies, rhetorical theories and criticism, environmental discourse, narrative theories and genres, and research methodologies in composition studies.

Distinguished Outreach Faculty Award

Marjorie Matocq

Wildlife Geneticist and Associate Professor Marjorie Matocq has focused her research on a number of ecological and evolutionary questions at the interface of intra- and interspecific processes. Her research program is heavily collections-based and integrates traditional field and morphological data with molecular and genomic methods to elucidate pattern and process at several spatial and temporal scales. Projects in Matocq's lab focus on studying patterns of geographic population genetic structure and the processes underlying such patterns. She was honored with the American Society of Mammalogist Award in 2001, the Joseph Mailliard Fellowship in 2000 and the Robert I. Larus the G.K. Lindsay Award for Excellence in the Natural Sciences from the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1994.

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award

Vaidyanathan Subramanian

Ravi Subramanian is an associate professor in chemical and materials engineering. He is a well-recognized undergraduate mentor and an internationally acclaimed researcher with a consistent commitment to undergraduate mentoring, especially of minorities, including Hispanic students and women. Internationally, he has been recognized as Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellow. Subramanian's research area is primarily in novel materials for solar energy conversion, fuel, cells, energy storage technologies and environmental remediation and is currently funded by the National Science Foundation and the state EPSCoR office.

Faculty Senate Award for Outstanding Service

Patricia Ellison

Originally from England, Patricia Ellison, associate professor with the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, completed her graduate and post-graduate work at the University of Sheffield, followed by post-doctoral research at the Max-Planck Institute

for Medical Research in Heidelberg, Germany and at Washington State University. She came to the University in 2000 as part of Professor Christine Cremo's smooth muscle research group. Since 2005, Ellison has been director of the undergraduate program in biochemistry and molecular biology and teaches undergraduate laboratory classes and a graduate course in enzymology. Ellison served two years on the Faculty Senate Executive Board, and is currently chair of the Academic Standards Committee.

Distinguished Classified Employee Award

Michael Maskaly

Michael Maskaly '80 (electrical engineering), development technician IV, is well known for his skills keeping the University of Nevada School of Medicine Research and Clinical Departments' equipment in working order. He is available to all departments of the School of Medicine to do repairs, mechanical designs and machining, fabrication of intricate instruments and more. Because of his initiative to think outside the box, many of the offices have been furnished and equipment obtained from material found at surplus, saving the departments significant money. [N](#)



Faculty Awards and Accomplishments

The University of Nevada is home to extraordinary faculty, and we are pleased to introduce you to more distinguished scholars whose accomplishments have garnered critical recognition.

Tammy Abernathy Vineyard '81, '86 M.Ed., College of Education: Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association Exemplary Service Award and the Judith S. Bible Excellence in Teaching Award.

John Anderson, College of Science: International Bruce A. Bolt Medal.

David AuCoin '00 M.S., '02 Ph.D., School of Medicine: *Nevada Business Magazine's* Healthcare Hero.

Miriam E. Bar-on, School of Medicine: University of Washington, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Medical Education and *Nevada Business Magazine's* Healthcare Hero.

Joshua Bardin, School of Medicine: *Nevada Business Magazine's* Healthcare Hero.

Michael Barnes, School of Medicine: Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award.

Diane Barone '89 Ed.D., College of Education: Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation's steering committee for elementary education appointee.

Candice Bauer '01, '08 M.A., College of Engineering: 2015 Nevada Women's Fund Women of Achievement Award.

Kimberly Baxter, School of Medicine: 2014 Division of Health Sciences Teaching Award.

Doreen Begley, College of Education: 2015 CDC Childhood Immunization Champion for State of Nevada.

Ethan Benning, School of Medicine: Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award.

Ann Bingham, College of Education: College of Education Outstanding Graduate.

Geoff Blewitt, College of Science: European Geosciences Union's Vening Meinesz Medal.

Sarah Blithe, College of Liberal Arts: 2015 Mousel-Feltner Award for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Activity.

Deborah A. Boehm, College of Liberal Arts: California Series in Public Anthropology Award, Resident Scholar at University of Arizona, Spring 2016.

Inge Bruggeman, College of Liberal Arts: Premo Lia 2014 Artist's Book Award.

Ian Buckle, College of Engineering: 2015 American Institute of Steel & Construction Special Achievement Award.

Melissa Burnham '94, '96 M.S., College of Education: Childhood Exchange's Promising Emerging Leader.

Keith Clark, School of Medicine: President

of the board of directors for the National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network.

Tod Colegrove '89, '92 M.S., '99 Ph.D., Libraries: Theta Thau professional engineering fraternity honorary member.

Kelly Doyle '06, '08 M.S., College of Engineering: Outstanding Contributions Award.

Sherif Elfass '97 M.S., '01 Ph.D., College of Engineering: Outstanding Site Operations and Research Support Award.

Echezona Ezeanolue, School of Medicine: National Institutes of Health review panel for K-Awards appointee.

Henry Fu, College of Engineering: Ralph E. Hooper Professor.

Mario Gaspar De Alba, School of Medicine: Autism Community Care Award.



Emily Hobson



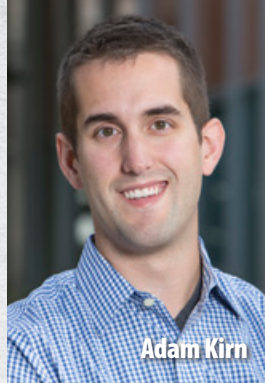
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Susan G. Harris '00, '03 M.S., '11 Ph.D., National Chair for Association of Gerontology in Higher Education's Program of Merit Committee appointee.

David Harrison '92, Libraries: Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society of 200 Old Dominion University inductee.

Jen Hill, College of Liberal Arts: Rice Seminar at Rice Humanities Research Center Visiting Fellow.

Emily Hobson, College of Liberal Arts: Best LGBT Anthology, Lambda Literary Awards nominee.

Zeb Hogan, College of Science: United Nations Convention of Migratory Species Council for Fish appointee.

Ahmad Itani, College of Engineering: 2015 American Institute of Steel & Construction Special Achievement Award.

Kenneth Izuora, School of Medicine: Nevada Chapter of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists vice president and

American College of Endocrinology Fellow.

Hyun-Joo Jeon, College of Education: College of Education Outstanding Researcher Award.

Adam Kirn, College of Engineering and College of Education: Educational Research and Methods Division of the American Society of Engineering Education Apprentice Faculty Grant.

Deborah A Kuhls, School of Medicine: Presidential Citation for extraordinary contributions of time, energy and resources to the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

Yusria Malik '13 M.D., School of Medicine: Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award.

Goutham M. Menon, School of Medicine: Council on Social Work Education's Council on External Relations appointee.

Christopher Morgan, College of Liberal Arts: 2015 Mousel-Feltner Award for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Activity.

Eleni Oikonomidou, College of Education: College of Education Outstanding Faculty Research.

Mary Peacock '87 M.S., College of Science: Rachel Carson Award for Scientific Excellence.

Marin Pilloud, College of Liberal Arts: American Board of Forensic Anthropology certified diplomat.

Ashley Pistorio, School of Medicine: Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award.

Nancy Roget, School of Medicine: *Nevada Business Magazine's* Healthcare Hero.

Mikaela Rogozen-Soltar, College of Liberal Arts: 2015 Public Anthropology's Ruth Benedict Global Citizenship Award.

Maureen Rubin, School of Medicine: Council on Social Work Education's Council on Conferences and Faculty Development appointee.

Shamik Sengupta, College of Engineering: Nokia University Collaboration Program \$25K awardee.

Daniel S. Shapiro, School of Medicine: Nevada State Medical Association's Commission on Public Health appointee.

Yantao Shen, College of Engineering: National Science Foundation Career Award.

Cherie Singer '93, School of Medicine: University of Nevada School of Medicine Admissions and Student Affairs Associate Dean.

John Tan, School of Medicine: Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award.

Mehmet Tosun, The College of Business: Barbara Smith Campbell Distinguished Professor of Nevada Tax Policy at the University of Nevada.

Kelsey West '12 M.D., M.Ph., School of Medicine: Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award. [N](#)



Regents' Awards

The Distinguished Nevadans Honorary Degree recipients and President's Medalists were celebrated at a ceremony May 15. Honors were conferred during Commencement exercises including President's Medalist Joseph S. Bradley '78 (economics), an emeritus Foundation trustee.

- (1) Distinguished Nevadan honoree and Foundation Trustee Emeritus Paul Bible '62 with his family.
- (2) Senator Richard Bryan '59 with Peter Di Grazia '64 and Roland Westergard '56.

- (3) Foundation Trustee Emerita Jennifer Satre '80 M.Ed., '15 H.D. and Philip Satre '15 H.D. with University President Marc Johnson. Jennifer and Philip received Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters recognizing their significant and long-time contributions to the University.

- (4) Distinguished Nevadan honoree Eddie Scott with family.

Honor the Best

Outstanding University employees and students were honored May 12 at the annual Honor the Best Ceremony, where University President Marc

Johnson expressed his appreciation for the University's deep collection of talented and committed individuals.

- (5) Members of the Reno Justice Coalition were awarded the 2015 Thornton Peace Prize.
- (6) Distinguished Classified Employee Award recipient Michael Maskaly '80 with Provost Kevin Carman.
- (7) Second Lieutenant Sarah Conkey '15 received the ROTC Governor's Award as well as the ROTC President's Award.

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The E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center Groundbreaking

Construction of the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center officially kicked off at a groundbreaking ceremony June 17. Slated to open in early 2017, the 108,000 square-foot facility will be a hub of campus fitness and recreation.

(1) Foundation Trustees Dan Rovig, Joan Zenan and Bill Pennell.

(2) John Dooley, Foundation Trustee Emeritus Greg Ferraro

'85, Chairman of the E. L. Wiegand Foundation Skip Avansino '65, President and Executive Director of the E. L. Wiegand Foundation Kristen Avansino, University President Marc Johnson, Stephen Lind and Trustee Emeritus Paul Bible '62.

(3) Robert and Roxie Enneking.

(4) Chancellor Dan Klaich '72 with Skip Avansino '65.

(5) Foundation Trustee Emeritus Frank Gallagher '77, Foundation Trustee Jeff Rodefer '85, Foundation Trustee Ken Creighton '75 and University President Marc Johnson.

Professor Driggs Memorial

Don Driggs, a former chair and emeritus professor of political science for more than 30 years, passed away in late 2014. His memory was honored at a memorial service Feb. 17.

(6) Ty Cobb with Leda and Timothy Brown '65.

(7) Richard Nachtsheim '88, Joy Crowley and Thomas Lorentzen '83.

(8) Christopher Driggs '84, Debbie Calleros, Teresa Garcia-Cahlan '81 and former University President Joe Crowley.

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Gatherings

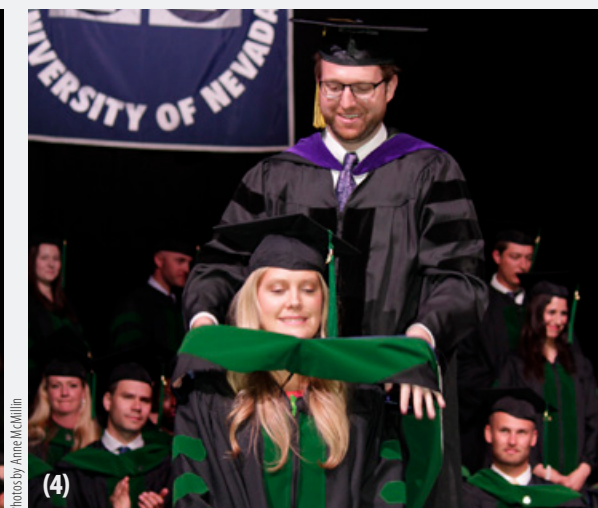
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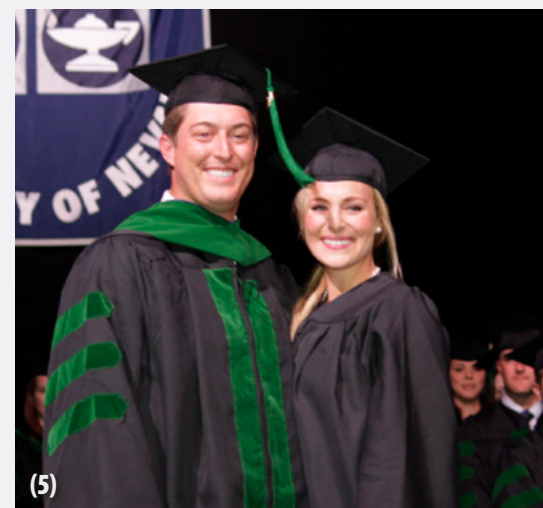
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School of Medicine Hooding Ceremony

The 70 members of the School of Medicine's Class of 2015 were hooded at Lawlor Events Center May 15 before starting their residency training at programs in Nevada and across the U.S.

(1) J. Ivan Lopez (left) administers the Officers' Commissioning Oath to Joanne Gbenjo '15 M.D., U.S. Navy; Zackary Johnson '15 M.D., U.S. Army; and Joshua Gabel '10, '15 M.D., U.S. Army.

(2) Ashley Naughton '10, '11, '15 M.D. is hooded by her dad Martin Naughton '74, '75 AAMD.

(3) Milad Webb '15 M.D. is hooded by his wife Ellen Webb '08, '12 M.D.

(4) Cassandra Puccinelli '10, '11, '15 M.D. is hooded by her fiancé, Brian Hagan.

(5) Troy Shields '12, '15, M.D., one of three members in the first cohort of School of Medicine BS-MD students to graduate, is hooded by his wife, Chelsea.

Reno Jazz Festival

The 53rd Annual Reno Jazz Festival was held April 23-25 at Lawlor Events Center.

(6) Donny McCaslin with the University of Nevada, Reno Jazz Band.

(7) The festival attracts students from all over the country.

(8) The Valencia High School Choir performing at the Showcase concert April 25. They were also the Outstanding High School Vocal Ensemble winners.



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Discover Science Lecture

Zeb Hogan, University professor and star of National Geographic's *Monster Fish*, spoke at the 2015 Discover Science Lecture May 7 at the Davidson Math and Science Center.

(1) Zeb Hogan, an aquatic biologist in the College of Science, spoke about his adventures traveling the globe to find, study and protect the world's largest and often endangered freshwater fish.

(2) Shirley Westfall, Foundation Trustee Ann Ronald and Lois Snedden.

(3) College of Science Associate Dean Gina Tempel (center) with Patti '93, '99 M.Ed. and Foundation Trustee Gene McClelland '71.

(4) Sandra Nierzwicki-Bauer, Zeb Hogan and Sudeep Chandra.

Engineering Spring Celebration

The annual Engineering Spring Celebration banquet was held at the Peppermill Resort Casino May 5. The event honors outstanding students,

faculty and staff in the College of Engineering.

(5) Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers with Debbie and Dave Richwood.

(6) Current students in the College of Engineering.

(7) Leonard and Foundation Trustee Sara LaFrance '73 with Jeff Ceccarelli '76.

A portrait of a middle-aged man with a receding hairline, smiling warmly at the camera. He is wearing a light blue suit jacket over a white and blue checkered shirt and a blue tie with a floral pattern. The background is a dark, solid color.

Dedicated Alumnus
Distinguished Nevadan
Devoted Grandparent

Keith Lee

Keith Lee '65 (physics)

I have learned that nothing is more important than family and good friends. When you have a family and true friends, you can be yourself with all the flaws that we all have. They are still there for you, and support you, and make you look good even when you're not feeling good. You can't ask for more than that.

When you go through the good times—and more importantly, when you go through the bad times—you've got to have support. Fortunately, I have my friends and family for support. I hope I return that to them as well.

I used to be a Type-A, run-and-gun, rock-and-roll all the time guy, always a high achiever. I'm not suggesting I don't want to do well, but some things have become more important than achieving that pinnacle of success. I'm very competitive, I don't like to lose, and I still work hard, but I've slowed down a bit. At the end of the day, all of that is not as important as it used to be.

It's a privilege to be a father and husband, but truly a privilege to be a grandfather. Any grandparent will tell you the joy of his life is being a grandparent. I want to do what I can to give my grandchildren good lives and teach them the important lessons that my mom and dad taught me—to be a hardworking, responsible person who gives back more than he receives. I want them to become responsible, productive members of the community. I don't want them to grow up with a sense of entitlement. If you give back more than you receive, you will have a fulfilling and rewarding life.

As a grandparent, you do everything you possibly can to make them a good citizen. I've reached some successes, thankfully, but the greatest success will be when they bury me and I know my grandkids turned out well, and I hope to have some influence on them. I think that I can bring some experience, and hopefully wisdom, to the equation.

I try to take each day at a time. I'm very fortunate that I've checked off almost everything on my bucket list. I've had great

friendships and great opportunities. If I checked out tomorrow, I won't have any regrets. I can die a satisfied person.

At the same time, I learn every day how much I don't know. I challenge myself to learn something new every day. I try to slow down. I don't worry so much about everyday life. It will take care of itself one way or another.

I was back on campus during Spring Commencement for the Class of 1965's Golden Reunion, and it was fantastic. I hadn't seen some of my classmates since we walked off the stage 50 years ago. It was a kick! It was great to see so many old friends. It was so good to catch up and hear people talk about getting reconnected to the University.

In some ways, the school is so much the same, but it's also changed—the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, all the buildings on campus—we had the Virginia Street Gym and the football field was over by The College of Business.

I'm excited about all the plans the University has to work with the community. These are very exciting times. Reno is a university town. It has the four seasons, recreational opportunities and opportunities for good jobs.

What successes I've enjoyed in my adult life, I attribute directly to my experience at the University—the friends I made, the people I met—it made me the person I am today.

I was always raised in a culture of giving back. If you can't give back financially, you can give your time. I'm passionate about the work I do as chair of The Children's Cabinet Foundation. It's truly a public/private organization that works to address the issue of kids and families who are in need. We're there as a safety net to catch these kids and their families who are in need and help turn their lives around. To me, it's just the right thing to do. It's more than feeling good—you can see real results.

In working with the University, I have several new passions now, including working to raise the profile of Special Collections as well as

supporting Nevada's student-athletes.

My political background keeps me interested in the Special Collections Department at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. I've been working with Dean of Libraries Kathy Ray and Jacquelyn Sundstrand, manuscripts and archives librarian, to raise money for Special Collections and raise the profile of what they do.

Working with Athletic Director Doug Knuth and Strength Coach Matt Eck, my wife, Gloria, and I have also made a commitment to the athletic nutritional program for our student-athletes. I played football for Coach Trachok during the 1961-63 seasons. Gloria and I thought the most immediate impact we can make on these student-athletes is nutrition because that helps them perform on the athletic field and helps them in the classroom. I like what Coach Brian Polian said to us—he's not coaching these athletes for the next four years, but for the next 40. I hope we can make a small contribution to his efforts.

From a conversation with Senior Writer Roseann Keegan. As a student at the University of Nevada, Reno, Keith Lee served as ASUN president in 1964-65, following in the footsteps of his father, Keith, who was also ASUN president in 1932-33. Lee graduated with honors from the University of San Francisco School of Law. He has been a practicing attorney in Nevada since 1970. He has served in a number of different capacities in local and statewide political campaigns. He has a notable career as a lobbyist, beginning with the 1983 session of the Nevada State Legislature. He has also lobbied Nevada's Congressional Delegation since 1989. Lee served 17 years as a member of the Nevada Board of Bar Examiners and was a member and chair of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. He was named a 2014 Distinguished Nevadan, the most prestigious award conferred by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents. Lee is past recipient of the Nevada Alumni Association's University Service Award and a member of the University's Century Campaign Cabinet.



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

University/REMSA partnership reduces costs for emergency services

When REMSA was developing its implementation plan for a new concept in patient care and transport, it turned to the School of Community Health Sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno to help measure and validate the impact of these highly creative health delivery changes.

"We received a \$9.8 million three-year Affordable Care Act grant through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation that began in July 2012 and immediately turned to the University as an essential partner to develop the tools to evaluate the data we are producing," said Brenda Staffan, director, Community Health Programs for REMSA.

Funded by the Health Care Innovation Award

grant, REMSA implemented three programs with the goal of reducing emergency department visits at local hospitals by giving patients and REMSA employees options for treatment other than an automatic trip to the ER.

Staffan credits Trudy Larson director of the School of Community Health Sciences, as being the visionary behind the concept that the University could provide its input and expertise to REMSA to help meet the grant's goals. She added that professor Wei Yang '94, (nutrition) '97 Ph.D. (environmental science and health) and graduate student Chris Dugan were both instrumental in producing statistical and procedural assessments for each of the three programs.

Trudy Larson, director of the University of Nevada School of Community Health Sciences and Brenda Staffan, director of Community Health Programs at REMSA.

"We knew Doctors Larson and Yang had knowledge about how the community's health care delivery systems could be improved if emergency medical services were more integrated," Staffan said.

For her part, Larson said the partnership is truly innovative because "no one was looking at comprehensive changes in emergency medical services as a way to address the issue of reducing emergency room visits."

"The innovation of the grant is in looking upstream from the emergency department, to what can be done before the patient arrives at the hospital, to reduce those ER visits," Larson explained.

Nurse Health Line

The first program, the Nurse Health Line, is available community-wide, 24/7 and can help answer medical and health questions about symptoms, medications, allergies or other conditions. After assessing the patients' medical needs through a series of questions, the specially trained nurses recommend the most appropriate level of care or services.

These recommendations include self-care at home, scheduling an appointment with their doctor, and being seen by a medical provider right away such as at an urgent care center.

The nurses can help callers find other resources in the community including clinics, community service agencies and assistance programs.

Ambulance Transport Alternatives

REMSA's Ambulance Transport Alternatives program provides pathways of care other than transport to the emergency department for 9-1-1 patients. This includes transport of patients with low acuity medical conditions to urgent care centers and clinics for treatment, the transport of medically stable inebriated patients directly to the Community Triage Center for detoxification, and the transport of medically stable psychiatric patients directly to a facility for medical clearance and admission.

The program features medical director oversight, additional training for paramedics and EMTs, specific protocols for low acuity, intoxicated and psychiatric patients and includes a rigorous quality assurance/quality improvement process.

The core element is an early destination evaluation—an advanced assessment performed in the field to determine if a 9-1-1 patient could be treated at an alternative medical facility. The medic conducts the advanced assessment in the field to first confirm that no priority symptoms exist that require treatments that can only be performed in an emergency department. The medic then explains to the patient that their medical condition may be appropriately treated at an alternative care location. The selection of a location will depend upon several factors including insurance accepted, facility hours, facility capability and capacity, and nearest

appropriate location. Within clinical triage and destination guidelines, patient choice and consent will always be the final determinant.

Community Paramedicine

The final program, Community Paramedicine, utilizes a group of experienced paramedics who are specially trained to perform tasks assigned and coordinated by primary care physicians, cardiologists, case managers, discharge planners, and other health care providers to enhance each patient's adherence to their care plan upon release from the hospital. The goal is

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—Trudy Larson, M.D., director of the School of Community Health Sciences

to improve the continuity of care from the hospital to the home to reduce complications and avoid unnecessary readmissions to the hospital.

Services include regular in-home visits to patients with feedback to referring provider as requested, point of care lab work and home blood draws delivered to local labs, 12-lead EKG with interpretation and transmission and reinforcement of discharge instructions.

Treatment plan services in the patient's home include providing diet, exercise, rest, safety, and healthy living information in a way that is appropriate to the patient's health literacy level, facilitating patient attendance to follow up appointments, identification of recommended versus actual medication usage,

avoidance of exacerbations of chronic illness through close observation and early reporting of symptoms, monitoring and trending of vital signs, weight, medications, and appointments and assisting patients with locating appropriate community resources among others.

Measuring outcomes

"We knew the team from the University could add invaluable contributions about health care policy, the needs of patients and health data, all of which helped as we fine-tuned these programs," Staffan said.

The grant's measurement strategy, referred to as the "triple aim," sought to improve the quality and experience of care for the patient, improve the health of the overall population and reduce costs. The faculty at the School of Community Health Sciences helped to develop appropriate measures to define the success of these three programs under the triple aim.

Specifically, Staffan said Larson, Yang and Dugan offered technical support and access to data services, analysis of health data from underserved populations, assistance in the community paramedicine curriculum design and evaluation, and development and review of grant-related reports and measures.

"Their development of a methodology of cost savings was a significant contribution," Staffan said. "It was a perfect fit with us and we are grateful for the University's contributions."

Preliminary outcomes indicate significant savings as a result of implementing these three innovative programs.

The estimated expenditure savings (as of Dec. 2014) totals more than \$5.5 million based upon 3,203 emergency department visits avoided, 609 ambulance transports avoided and 52 hospital readmissions avoided. These preliminary outcomes are estimates showing progress in achieving overall program aims.

Staffan said the three interventions, developed in collaboration with the School of Community Health Sciences and other partners, have been so successful in increasing patient satisfaction and reducing costs, that REMSA has been awarded an extension of its grant so that the cost savings can make the programs completely self-sustaining in the near future. ■



Ed Smith, Cooperative Extension natural resources specialist and co-director of the Living With Fire Program, advises homeowner Jenny Herz.

WORKSHOPS PROVIDE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS INFORMATION FOR SHORT-TERM HELP AND LONG-TERM PLANNING

Since March 2014, Cooperative Extension has been holding workshops for agricultural and livestock producers specifically aimed at helping them cope with drought now, and plan for the future. Discussion varies according to the county, the presenters and those who attend. Some of the topics discussed and issues raised have included:

- Irrigation efficiency.
- Soil moisture monitoring.
- Use of lower-water-use, yet profitable alternative field or specialty crops.
- Water rights flexibility, leasing water and water recycling.
- Leaving some fields fallow, stacking water on best fields and altering crop rotation.
- Federal assistance and application processes available for Nevada.
- Reduction of herd size.
- Impact of decreased agricultural production on other businesses and the economy.
- Collaboration among property owners.

The workshops are often in collaboration with other agencies, University educators and partners, and some are supported by U.S. Department of Agriculture funding. Many Cooperative Extension faculty members are involved in these efforts, with Extension Educators Staci Emm '96 (journalism) and Steve Lewis '78 (renewable natural resources), '82 M.S. (animal science) and Water Resources Specialist John Cobourn '88 (hydrology/hydrogeology) taking the lead.

APPLYING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPING GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABILITY

In some rural Nevada communities, such as Diamond Valley in Eureka County, the ground-

University leads efforts to help Nevadans live with drought

The prolonged and severe drought has brought unprecedented challenges to Nevadans. With the U.S. Department of Agriculture having designated every county in Nevada a Primary Natural Disaster Area due to drought, Nevadans are looking for information to help them cope. In March 2014, under the direction of Dean Mark Walker, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension launched its website, LivingWithDrought.com, to help Nevadans find such information. "What sets Cooperative Extension apart from Google and other general resources, and makes it so important to the

land-grant mission of the University and the communities in which we live and serve, is the local relevancy of our advice and assistance," said Dean Walker. Cooperative Extension, in collaboration with other partners and University colleagues, is conducting educational programs and research throughout the state to help Nevadans deal with this year's drought and plan for future climatic change. Engagement throughout the state is two-way, with Extension educators providing information, as well as doing a lot of listening to guide future education and research programs.

water table is dropping at alarming rates. Agricultural producers know that something has to change, or within a decade or two there will be insufficient water to support agriculture.

Diamond Valley has enlisted the help of Extension Educator Steve Lewis to help develop a groundwater management strategy to maintain their groundwater supply. In relation to the area's declining groundwater supply, Extension Educator Seth Urbanowitz and Alternative Crops and Forage Specialist Jay Davison '80 (renewable natural resources), '85 M.S. (plant science) are conducting research projects with local farmers. Urbanowitz's research involves using soil moisture sensors and improving irrigation equipment maintenance to improve irrigation efficiency. Davison's research, in collaboration with University of Idaho Extension Water Management Engineer Howard Neibling, also incorporates the use of soil moisture sensors and is testing the use of low-energy spray application irrigation systems that are only a foot off the ground to reduce evaporation and wind drift to conserve water and energy.

HOMEOWNERS, GREEN INDUSTRY, MEDIA TURN TO COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Always a go-to source for Nevadans looking for answers to their lawn and garden questions, Cooperative Extension's horticulturists and master gardeners are especially busy this summer providing information to homeowners concerned with keeping their landscapes healthy while trying to reduce water use. The green industry (landscapers, nurseries, etc.) is also looking to Cooperative Extension for research-based solutions. Through the media, phone calls, emails and walk-ins at county offices, Cooperative Extension is responding throughout the state. Workshops such as "Keeping your trees alive during a drought" are packing rooms with homeowners, landscapers and arborists to hear from local experts, such as Extension Horticulture Specialist Heidi Kratsch and Horticulturist Wendy Hanson-Mazet '96 (agribusiness), as well special guest speakers from other Western states. More information can be found by calling (775) 784-4848 in northern Nevada or

(702) 222-3130 in southern Nevada or online at unce.unr.edu.

WITH DROUGHT COMES INCREASED RISK OF WILDFIRE, SPREAD OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

Drought makes conditions ideal for opportunistic noxious weeds to out-compete desirable vegetation for what little moisture there is. And with less moisture and more dry weeds comes increased risk of wildfire. Cooperative Extension has been addressing these issues for decades, but now more than ever, this work is taking center stage. Educational programs, such as the three-day Weed Extravaganza headed by Extension Natural Resources Specialist Kent McAdoo and held in Elko in May, give land managers, ranchers and agricultural producers the latest information on identifying and controlling invasive weeds. Through a multitude of educational events that began in May with Wildfire Awareness Month, Nevadans can learn more about what they could do to protect their homes from the threat of wildfire. The efforts are led by Extension Natural Resources Specialist Ed Smith, '78 B.S. (renewable natural resources), '84 M.S. (renewable natural resources) and Marketing Specialist Sonya Sistare, '01 B.S. (marketing).

UNIVERSITY EXPERTS APPOINTED TO NEVADA DROUGHT FORUM AND CONVENE MULTISTATE EFFORTS

Cooperative Extension Dean Mark Walker and Doug Boyle, College of Science associate professor and Nevada State Climatologist, have been appointed to the Nevada Drought Forum by Gov. Brian Sandoval, who described the group as "some of the best minds in Nevada's scientific, government and industry sectors" to address the drought situation. In addition, Walker has convened a multistate group representing the Western land-grant universities to share data and insights related to the regional drought and other climatic changes. [N](#)



Cattle at the University's Gund Research Ranch in Grass Valley, Nev., 45 miles northeast of Austin, Nev. off Highway 50.

Tackling the drought challenge long term

Building resiliency to future droughts and exploring agriculture and water management on tribal lands

Native Waters on Arid Lands

Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, this five-year, \$4.5 million program will integrate research and University Cooperative Extension to help Great Basin and Southwestern tribal communities develop plans, policies and practices for sustainable agriculture and water management. The University's collaborators in the project include the University of Arizona and Utah State University; 1994 First Americans Land-Grant Consortium (FALCON); Federally Recognized Tribal Extension program instructors in Nevada and Arizona; Desert Research Institute; U.S. Geological Survey; Ohio University; and tribal members from Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico.

Water for the Seasons

Funded by the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, this \$3.8 million program will integrate science and water policy research with extensive community outreach to identify the expected impacts of climate change and solutions for protecting valuable water resources in northern Nevada's Truckee-Carson River system. The project aims to serve as a model for other areas with snow-fed, arid-land systems in the American West. The University's partners in the project include the Desert Research Institute and U.S. Geological Survey.

Both projects are led by Maureen McCarthy, interim director of the University's Academy for the Environment, and involve many other faculty members from across campus and Cooperative Extension.



Photo by Lee Pfanner

David Quilici, director; Rebekah Woolsey, research scientist; and Kathy Schegg, biochemist, use the new mass spectrometry equipment to assist scientists both on and off campus.

Advancing identification, study of proteins

Recently rededicated as the Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D. Nevada Proteomics Center, this University laboratory offers high quality mass spectral and electrophoretic proteomic analysis to assist the scientific community both on and off campus.

Thanks to a major gift from Mick Hitchcock, a philanthropist, researcher and entrepreneur, this equipment is now in the center, offering the most powerful available method for identification and analysis of proteins from every type of biological sample. It can help find

cures for disease, enhance health protocols and help create drought resistant plants.

"Proteomics impacts lives in a very real and tangible way," says Mridal Gautam, University vice president of research and innovation. "The generous gift will meet the overwhelming demand by our researchers for more sensitive and higher throughput proteomic analysis."

David Quilici, Ph.D., proteomics director, said the new instrumentation delivers an unprecedented depth of analysis.

"This instrumentation enables researchers to

address the most challenging questions in systems biology by identifying more proteins more quickly and quantifying them more accurately."

Faculty and researchers at the University are engaged in cutting-edge research, examining the roles of specific proteins in such varied biological conditions as preterm labor and muscular dystrophy in humans, the effect of cold and drought stress on plants, and the unique fingerprint of proteins associated with the effects of drugs and environmental change.

To learn more about supporting the School of Medicine, please contact Seema Donahoe, associate director of development, (775) 682-7304 or sdonahoe@unr.edu.

—Anne McMillin



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Construction continues on the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center. The center is scheduled for completion in 2016.

Carlson and Turek support Pennington Student Achievement Center

University Foundation Trustee Emerita Ann Carlson '59, (business administration) '74 M.Ed. (education administration) and Ron Turek have made a gift in support of the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, which is now under construction and scheduled to open January 2016. Their gift

names the Ann Carlson and Ron Turek Shared Student Resources Alcove and Outdoor Deck.

The 78,000 square-foot William N. Pennington Student Achievement center will bring together vital student centers currently scattered across campus under one roof.

"Ron and I believe that connecting students

to on-campus services is so essential to their academic and personal success," Carlson says.

Philanthropy has provided \$12 million toward the \$44 million project, with the lead gift from the William N. Pennington Foundation and additional support from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation, the Clarence & Martha Jones Family Foundation, the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, the Marshall R. Matley Foundation, the Nevada Military Support Alliance, the Bretzlaff Foundation, the E.L. Cord Foundation, the Mallory Foundation, the Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation, the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust, International Game Technology, and the Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation.

To learn more about supporting the University of Nevada, Reno, please contact John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, (775) 784-1352 or jcarothers@unr.edu.

Newmont Mining continues strong support of Nevada

Newmont Mining Corporation continued its long-term support of the University of Nevada, Reno through a \$250,000 gift to support students, scholarships, programs and research at the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering and the College of Science.

—Roseann Keegan is an associate editor and senior writer for Development and Alumni Relations

Newmont's gift provides support for the Newmont Mining Corporation-John S. Livermore Scholarship; the Newmont Term Professor; the Arentz Center for Student Success; research projects in

mining engineering, geology, and geography departments; and sponsorship of the Mackay Annual Banquet.

"Newmont recognizes that private sector support is essential for the University of Nevada, Reno to maintain robust academic and



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Mackay School Career Coordinator Katia Albright, Associate Professor Scott Bassett, Associate Professor John Muntean, Mackay School Director Russ Fields, Newmont General Manager Mark Evatz '88, '99 MBA, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers and College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson with students from the Mackay School of Earth Science and Engineering.

research programs for the mining industry," says Mark Evatz '88 (mining engineering), '99 MBA, Newmont's Twin Creeks Mine general manager. "Continued financial support of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering is strategically important to the nation's natural resource industries given Nevada's status as the nation's preeminent mining state."

Newmont Mining Corporation has generously supported the University for 46 years, giving more than \$5 million to the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering and the College of Science. Founded in 1921, Newmont Mining Corporation is one of the world's

leading gold companies.

"This investment by Newmont will further serve to increase the educational opportunities available to students in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering," says College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson. "It also helps facilitate the University's vision to create one of the finest mining and earth sciences schools in the world."

To learn more about supporting the College of Science and the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, please contact Donna Knotek, assistant director of development, at (775) 682-5952 or dknotek@unr.edu.

Enneking's give to new E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center

Honor Court Silver Benefactors Jerry and Roxie Enneking made a generous gift to the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center, which was matched by the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation.

Philanthropic gifts for the four-story, 108,000 square-foot fitness center are nearing the \$16 million goal, including the \$8 million lead gift from the E. L. Wiegand Foundation. The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation provided matching funds for every gift provided to the fitness center from March to June.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the center,

which will be constructed across from the Joe Crowley Student Union and the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, was celebrated June 17.

"We have been very impressed with the plans and renderings," Roxie Enneking says. "Most of all, I'm very glad that we can make this gift to benefit the students of Nevada."



Artist rendering of the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center.

To learn more about supporting the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center, please contact Lynda Buhlig, assistant vice president of development at (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.



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Commencement 2015: Weather doesn't dampen a thing

Inclement weather moved the venue for the University's 125th Commencement, but the smiles, hugs and shared emotion of a hard-earned moment for more than 2,400 graduates who received their diplomas inside the dry confines of Lawlor Events Center – rather than outdoors on the Quad – remained firmly intact. A record 2,454 degrees were awarded.

"We can solve the important issues of our time only if we combine the vast amount of knowledge at your disposal with our own inherent humanity," President Marc Johnson told those assembled. "As you move forward today, remember the knowledge you've gained is always tightly interwoven with your own sense of purpose."

The University featured one guest speaker at each of three Commencement ceremonies: Annette Bidart '85 (Spanish, political science), co-founder of the investment and financial services firm, Bidart & Ross; Sara Lafrance '73 (English), president of Educational Pathways International; and U.S. Sen. Richard Bryan '59 (paralegal), former two-term Nevada Governor.

The Herz Gold Medal for Outstanding Scholarship was awarded to Steven Delacruz '15 (chemical engineering) who will begin his graduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley in the fall.

The President's Medal was awarded to Joseph S. Bradley '78 (economics) in honor

of the Reno attorney's more than 30 years of substantial generosity, service and connection to the University.

Honorary Doctorates of Humane Letters were awarded to Jennifer '80 M.Ed., '15 H.D. and Phil Satre '15 H.D., who have made significant and longtime contributions to the University.

Distinguished Nevadan awards were presented to prominent Nevada attorney Paul A. Bible '62 (economics) and civil rights leader Eddie Scott.

—John Trent '85, '87, '00 M.A.

Switch propels downtown "Innovation" Center

The innovation ecosystem taking hold in Nevada is further strengthened by Switch, the world leader in data-center development and mission-critical operations. Switch is funding the half-million-dollar interior build-out of the University's Innovation Center in downtown Reno, creating a hub of innovation and commercialization.

"With the support of Switch, the Innovation Center will propel the incubation of new startups and further accelerate the growth of the knowledge-driven economy," Mridul Gautam, University vice president of research and innovation, said.

The Innovation Center will offer co-working and meeting space, as well as a makerspace. It will be home-base for three University initiatives focused on enhancing the competitiveness of Nevada businesses:

Nevada Center for Applied Research, Nevada Industry Excellence and the Nevada Advanced Autonomous Systems Innovation Center.

Slated to open late summer 2015 and located at 450 Sinclair Street, the Innovation Center is just over a mile from the University's main campus and three blocks from Reno's City Hall. The University acquired the 25,000-square-foot facility from the City of Reno through a lease-to-purchase agreement in early 2014.

"I am thrilled to see Switch and the University join together to further solidify downtown Reno as an emerging, energetic center," Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve said. "This project



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The concept team: Mike Kazmierski, president and CEO of the Economic Development of Western Nevada; John Sagebiel, University assistant director for environmental programs; Kristi Overgaard, Switch executive vice president of awesomeness; Adam Kramer, Switch vice president of government and public affairs; Mridul Gautam, University vice president research and innovation; and Heidi Gansert '90 MBA, University executive director of external relations.

demonstrates the impact that comes with being a 'University Town' and starts to bring it to life."

—Jane Tors '82



Celebrating Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition winner Nevada Dynamics are (l-r) Dave Croasdell, Charles and Ruth Hopping professor of entrepreneurship and Sontag Entrepreneurship competition director; University President Marc Johnson; Nevada Dynamics team members Zachary Carlson, Erik Edgington '15, MacCallister Higgins '15 and Nolan Young '15; College of Engineering Dean Manos Maragakis and The College of Business Dean Greg Mosier.

The College of Business has become a hub for business start-ups. Additionally, it continues to support students to impact the important issues of our time through their entrepreneurial efforts.

In March, The College of Business announced the 2015 winner of the Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition, a \$50,000 award given each year to the student team who presents the best business plan. Nevada Dynamics, a hardware and software safety solution for unmanned autonomous systems, was the winner of the student competition team. Navatar, a free indoor navigation system application for blind students, won \$5,000 and second place for their business plan, a free indoor navigation system application for blind students.

"Sontag is one of the largest awards for a student business competition that exists at a single American university," The College of Business Dean Greg Mosier said of the annual competition made possible through a \$1 million gift in 2011 by University alumnus Rick Sontag '66 M.S (physics).

—Nicole Shearer '03

The College of Business hosts ecosystem for entrepreneurship

Small businesses in Nevada were a big deal in 2014. The Nevada Small Business Development Center (SBDC), a statewide resource for business assistance headquartered in the University's College of Business, helped open 136 new small businesses in the state last year.

"It's easy to forget the impact small businesses can have, especially with the growing focus on many big-named businesses in the state," Sam Males '76 MBA, director of the Nevada SBDC, said. "These smaller businesses created 470 jobs and \$18 million in new financing, clearly making a marked impact."

According to Males, 62 percent of new jobs are created by small businesses nationally. In Nevada, 98 percent of businesses are considered small businesses, with less than 100 employees, and further, 70 percent of Nevada's businesses employ under 10 employees.

The Nevada SBDC, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, has become the state's go-to resource for small business owners, with 13 locations statewide. From those just starting out to those looking to grow and develop their business, it provides a wide-range of services, expertise and training in all areas of business. Additionally, partnerships

throughout the state allow the Nevada SBDC to serve a diverse group of individuals and offer outreach programs in several communities.

"The University of Nevada, Reno is the state's land-grant University and one of the hallmarks of which is its engagement with communities," University President Marc Johnson said. "We're reaching out to engage in a 360-degree way and The College of Business is working with various businesses in our community and forming true partnerships."

Through these community partnerships,

EMBA continues to build buzz

The College of Business Online Executive Masters of Business Administration was recently named one of the "Top 25 Online MBA Programs for 2015" by the *Princeton Review*. This is the first ranking of online MBA programs based on both surveys of administrators and of students enrolled in the program. In January, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the program No. 29 of 195 schools in the "Best Online MBA Programs" category and the College's Part-Time MBA program is ranked No. 24 in the nation by *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*.

The Online Executive MBA meets the highest attainable level of accreditation standards of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. If you have questions about this program, please contact Associate Dean and Director Kambiz Raffiee at (775) 682-9142 or raffiee@unr.edu.

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University President Marc Johnson accepts the Tree Campus USA plaque and designation from Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator in the Nevada Division of Forestry David Howlett during an Earth Day ceremony April 22.

Earth Day ceremony celebrates University's designation as Tree Campus USA

Since the 1908 planting of elm trees around the University of Nevada, Reno's historic Quad, campus has been a place for diverse and plentiful plants and trees.

On June 10, 1908, the Reno community convened on the Quad at the University of Nevada, with its recently planted trees, to celebrate the dedication of the Mackay Mines building and the statue of John W. Mackay. After much maturation, the University was designated as a state arboretum in 1985 by the

Nevada Legislature. In 1987, the Nevada Quad was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and categorized as a Jeffersonian Academic Village.

On April 22, 2015, the University campus celebrated another milestone: it was honored as a Tree Campus USA.

"This is a special designation for our campus, and so many have worked long and hard to be recognized for it," Cheryl Glotfelty, professor of English and chair of the Univer-

sity's Arboretum Board, said. "We are thrilled the Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the value and diversity of the flora on campus for both enjoyment and educational pursuits."

Tree Campus USA is a recognition by the National Arbor Day Foundation honoring college and university campuses for establishing and sustaining healthy community forests along with promoting student involvement.

—Natalie Savidge '04

LOOK ONLINE

For more information about the Arboretum Board, visit unr.edu/arboretum.

School of Medicine researcher to develop rapid diagnostic test for Ebola

A microbiology professor at the University of Nevada School of Medicine has initiated a partnership with a virologist from Public Health Canada to develop a rapid point-of-care diagnostic test for Ebola virus.

David AuCoin '00 M.S. (biology), '02 Ph.D. (cellular and molecular biology), associate professor, said the end product will be similar to a home pregnancy test and will be able to detect a protein that the Ebola virus displays on its surface.

"This test will allow for diagnosis within 15 minutes directly from patient samples," said AuCoin, whose lab will design and construct the prototype diagnostic test.

Once AuCoin's lab has constructed a prototype Ebola diagnostic, it will be sent to collaborators at Public Health Canada for further testing and validation in the lab and in the field.

"We are thrilled to help in the global response to a disease that is impacting so many worldwide," AuCoin said.

—Anne McMillin



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David AuCoin '00 M.S., '02 Ph.D.

Three Minute Thesis gets at heart of research

The copious research on smooth muscles fascinates Scott Barnett '11 (biochemistry, molecular biology), but he knows the topic isn't at the top of everyone's reading list. This understanding is at the core of the University of Nevada, Reno's Three Minute Thesis competition, known as 3MT.

"Where the 3MT sets itself apart is that it forces you to discover the core essence of your research, the absolute essence of what you are doing," Barnett, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in cellular and molecular pharmacology and physiology and placed second in last year's competition, said. "You have three minutes, and you need to not just explain it, but to keep people interested. It really teaches you a lot about your own research."

The University's second annual 3MT saw 32 graduate students compete in the preliminary round and 13 advance to the finals. Each had three minutes to present their abstract or professional-project overview, and could use only one presentation slide. A panel of judges evaluated the presentations based on two categories of criteria: first, comprehension and content and, second, engagement and communication.

—Jane Tors '82

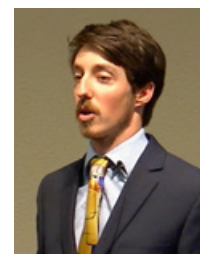
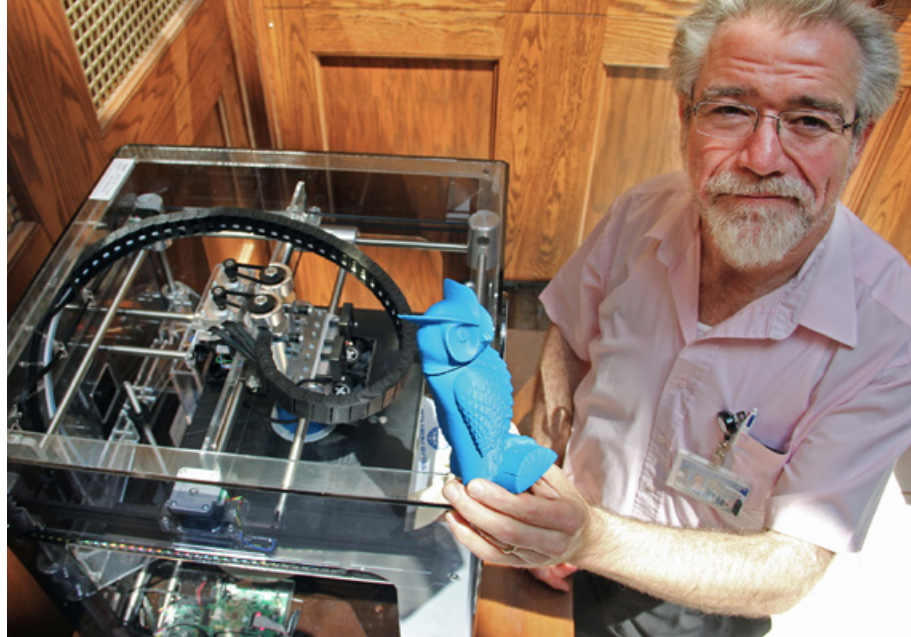


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2015 3MT category winner Chris Dugan '13 '15 M.Ph.

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View winning 3MT presentations at unr.edu/grad/3mtn.



University of Nevada, Reno Head Librarian Tod Colegrove '89, '92 M.S., '99 Ph.D., was the primary innovator behind the DeLaMare Library's makerspace concept.

Photo by Mike Volterbeck

people to discover, create, design, model, engineer and learn. Not only is DeLaMare a place for innovative ideas, but it creates a new model for libraries everywhere. The library was first in the nation to make free 3D printing services available campus-wide, and it offers many other resources and technologies to promote innovation and collaboration including laser cutters, advanced computer software, Oculus Rift glasses and other advanced technologies.

—Walanya Vongsvirates '15

DeLaMare Library named Most Innovative Space

Talk about juxtaposition: The DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library is located in the University's historic Mackay School of Mines Building, yet this library, housed in a building completed in 1908, is home to one of the most innovative makerspaces in America as named by *Make Magazine*. This spring, the

library received the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada's 2015 Most Innovative Space Award, presented during the Nevada's Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology Awards Dinner.

A makerspace is an area that promotes new ideas and inventions by providing the tools for



Summer Session 2015 presents

Summer Concerts and Watermelon on the Quad!

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| July 15 | HomeMade Jam |
| July 22 | Guitar Woody & The Boilers |
| July 29 | JellyBread |
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Jessica Keller, eighth grade science teacher at O'Brien Middle School's STEM Academy, and Chris English '07, '12 M.Ed., Reed High School AP physics teacher, work to discover the most effective design for wind power generation.

Transforming students into energy detectives through STEM

Empowering students to make energy-saving recommendations for their schools is the aim of Project ReCharge, launched this spring. Through collaboration with the University's Raggio Research Center for STEM Education, the Washoe County School District and Enviroolution, a local sustainability and educational nonprofit, students and teachers at O'Brien Middle School and Reed High School are conducting energy audits of their school and providing cost-saving recommendations to school district facility managers and administrators.

Project ReCharge is designed to provide

students with the knowledge and tools to make informed decisions about energy usage and conservation in their own lives. To do this, research-based, energy-efficiency curriculum was added to eighth grade mathematics and science classes as well as high school environmental science and career and technical education classes. Professional development workshops support integration of energy and technology into teachers' core curriculum and create authentic STEM experiences for their students.

"This collaboration brings cutting-edge energy education and energy monitoring to

schools and engages students to design and implement a plan that will save their schools 10 percent of their energy consumption,"

David Crowther, executive director of the Raggio Research Center for STEM Education in the University's College of Education, said. "Project ReCharge will help prepare students for jobs in the growing green economy."

The plan is to add additional schools with the goal of reaching more than 30 teachers and 3,000 students at the middle and high school level in just three years. Helping realize this is a \$1.2 million energy-efficiency grant from the National Science Foundation awarded to the Raggio Research Center for STEM Education, along with sub-recipient Enviroolution.

—Nicole Shearer '03

Padilla-Rodríguez led an accomplished four years at the University

"One day, I hope to become a federal judge and ultimately, a Supreme Court Justice."

These were some of the first words we heard from Ivón Padilla-Rodríguez '15 (history, philosophy) during her freshman year at the University. In 2011, she burst onto the accomplished-student scene with her winning football throws during the 2011 Dr Pepper Tuition Throw Competition at the SEC Championship game in Atlanta. After personal coaching and training from then Wolf Pack quarterback Cody Fajardo '15 (management), she nailed the football toss and walked away with a \$100,000 scholarship for her college education.

"I can never forget the tremendous, life-altering impact the Dr Pepper Tuition Throw Competition had on my ability to afford my undergraduate education as a low-income,

first-generation student," Padilla-Rodríguez said. "Many of my wildest dreams came true at the University of Nevada, Reno and for that, I am forever indebted to this beautiful institution."

As the student with the top grade point average in the College of Liberal Arts and having met a number of academic and extracurricular criteria, she was named a Senior Scholar. She was also bestowed the honor of the Nevada System of Higher Education undergraduate Regents' Scholar Award, which came with a \$5,000 stipend. Padilla-Rodríguez also received the Dean's Award for Research, and the Henry Albert Public Service Award.

"I will be moving to New York City to begin the Ph.D. part of my joint J.D.-Ph.D. this fall at Columbia University," she said. "The Univer-



Ivón Padilla-Rodríguez '15

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

sity ultimately allowed me to actualize my dreams without impediment."

"I am not surprised of Ivón's success," Emma Sepúlveda Pulvirenti '76 (Spanish), '78 M.A. (Spanish), Foundation Professor in world languages and literature and director of the Latino Research Center, said. "She is hard working, has a hunger for knowledge and motivation to keep going."

During the University's Honor the Best ceremony this spring, Sepúlveda Pulvirenti was recognized by the Nevada System of Higher Education with the Regents' Creative Activities Award. She also stood by Padilla-Rodríguez during the Senior Scholars banquet as her selected mentor.

"She has an amazing life story and is one of the most motivated students I've ever had," Sepúlveda Pulvirenti said. "She wants to become a judge one day, and I think she will."

—Natalie Savidge, '04

Nevada researchers experience Nepal earthquake aftershock

"The waves were like riding on the ocean after the initial shock subsided," Ian Pierce, one of a team of researchers from the University's Nevada Seismological Laboratory, said about the 7.3 aftershock that struck Nepal and India May 12.

He and fellow graduate student Steven Angster were standing in an open field after cataloging a large damaged chimney in a brick factory when the earthquake hit. The pair had flown to Nepal to meet up with their College of Science faculty advisor, geophysicist and Foundation Professor Steve Wesnousky, to study the Himalayan earthquake fault in the aftermath of the April 25 magnitude 7.8 earthquake.

"Just before it hit, I heard a commotion from nearby dogs and goats, and then we were moving," Angster wrote on the University



Photo provided by Ian Pierce

Professor Steve Wesnousky and graduate students Steve Angster and Ian Pierce traveled to Nepal and India to study the April 25 magnitude 7.8 earthquake. While looking for ground ruptures on the Himalayan Frontal Thrust Fault, they found several landslides that threaten to inundate a village below.

blog. "It was scary, but we all felt relatively safe where we were standing. We saw seiche [water splashing and swaying] in ponds, bricks falling off of chimneys, and dust billowing up from collapsed structures on the horizon. The shaking felt long and slow, like being on a boat in rough water."

Wesnousky received a grant from the Na-

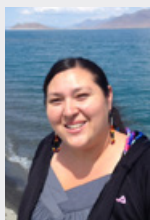
tional Science Foundation in September to continue his studies of the Himalayan Fault. He began this research in 1999.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

LOOK ONLINE

View the students' chronicle of their travel in the Himalayas at unr.edu/science/himalayan-quake-research.

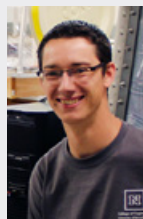
Faces on the Quad



Christine Braunworth '15

a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, came to the University with the desire to learn more about the language, tribal stories and traditions of her people. This spring she helped secure a \$10,000 Native STAND grant to bring comprehensive curriculum and training to peer educators to promote healthy decision-making for Native youth at the high school on the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation, where she lives. Braunworth was raised on four different reservations: the Umatilla Reservation in Oregon; Coleville Reservation in Washington; Ute Reservation in Colorado; and Navajo Reservation in Monument Valley. A TRIO student and intertribal higher-education program intern at the University's Center for Student Cultural Diversity, Braunworth has spent a great deal of

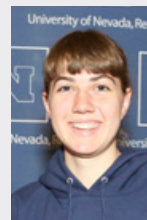
her time at the University bringing national Native American issues to campus. She graduated this spring with a bachelor's degree in social work.



Augustus Merwin '11, '12 M.S., '15 Ph.D.

the 2015 Regents' Scholar Graduate Student Honoree, graduated as a doctoral student in materials science and engineering. Merwin is recipient of a prestigious University graduate fellowship, funded by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and spent much of his time at the University researching modern reprocessing of used nuclear fuel. In addition to his impressive research, Merwin was the founding president of the University's Student Section of the American Nuclear Society, has passed the National Council of Examiners for

Engineering and Surveying professional exam in nuclear engineering, and was a finalist in the University's Three Minute Thesis competition.



Gwen DePolo

a student worker in DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library, is spending her summer in Washington, D.C., as one of a select group of interns at the Library of Congress. DePolo is an honors student who graduated from Bishop Manogue Catholic High School in 2013 and joined the University as a Presidential Scholar. The opportunity to intern at the Library of Congress combines DePolo's undergraduate chemistry study with her love of playing violin, something she does for the Reno Pops Orchestra, as well as her work in DeLaMare Library. Nevada Congressman Mark Amodei submitted DePolo's application.



Photo courtesy WolfPack Athletics

Wolf Pack baseball wins first Mountain West Championship

The Nevada baseball program's 2015 season saw the first Mountain West championship and second-most victories in school history, and after all of that, the Wolf Pack wanted more.

The team's disappointment in not being selected for an NCAA Regional after a 41-12 record and a conference championship is understandable. But it also takes nothing away from the accomplishments that did happen—and there were many. Moving forward, the

Chad Hartley '03 is associate athletics director of communications

record-setting season of 2015 will set the foundation for the program to build and grow.

Although the Wolf Pack had lofty postseason goals and worthy NCAA credentials, Nevada will settle for a massively successful regular season. Nevada was ranked in the top 25 for most of the season, posted the most wins in a season since 1995 and became the first team at the University of Nevada to win a Mountain West title.

"In a way, we feel that we set the standard. We established what Nevada baseball is about," said sophomore outfielder Trenton Brooks. "I attribute a lot of the success of our program to our team chemistry. We are a unit on the field. We are a unit off the field."

Nevada's season got off to a hot start with an upset of fifth-ranked Texas Tech on the road and a 7-0 start, the most wins to open a season in program history. The Pack tallied seven win streaks of three games or longer and never lost more than two games consecutively in the regular season.

With the fan base behind the program, Nevada posted Peccole Park's first sellout in program history on April 26. Nevada tallied 19 road wins on the season, which ranked second in the nation, and swept San Diego State and New Mexico on the road to clinch the school's first-ever Mountain West title with three games left on the schedule.

Overall, Nevada finished the season with a 41-15 overall mark. Nevada's win total was tied for second-most in program history. The Pack went 22-6 in Mountain West play to win its fifth regular season conference crown. Nevada went 19-9 on the

The 2015 Nevada baseball team won the first Mountain West Conference title for the Wolf Pack.

road and 22-6 at Peccole Park.

The Wolf Pack's stellar season as a team was bolstered by tremendous individual accomplishments. Nevada swept the postseason league awards. Sophomore Trenton Brooks was

the inaugural winner of the MW Tony Gwynn Player of the Year award from the Mountain West—the Pack's first conference player of the year since Kevin Kouzmanoff in 2003. Junior Christian Stolo was named MW Pitcher of the Year and Cal Stevenson was named MW Co-Freshman of the Year. And former coach of the Wolf Pack, Jay Johnson, won Coach of the Year honors.

Additionally, senior Austin Byler (1B), junior Ryan Howell (2B), senior Kewby Meyer '15 (community health sciences)

(OF), junior Bryce Greager (UTL/DH) and junior Adam Whitt (P) were named to the All-MW first team, and senior Kyle Hunt was

"We're proud of everything that we accomplished, and nobody can take that championship away from us ... We have a lot of motivation building for next season. We can't wait."

—Sophomore Trenton Brooks, inaugural winner of the MW Tony Gwynn Player of the Year award

named to the All-MW second team.

Collectively, Nevada averaged eight runs per game and ranked fourth in the nation in scoring. The Pack led the Mountain West in nearly every single offensive statistic, and also led the MW in team earned run average during the regular season.

With solid depth returning, a talented 12-player signing class and the innumerable successes of the 2014-15 season, the Wolf Pack has solidified a bright future for the program.

The next step for Nevada is finding the next coach to lead the Wolf Pack into that future as Johnson accepted a position at Pac-12 Arizona after the season.

"We wish Jay Johnson the best on his new adventure," said Athletics Director Doug Knuth. "Our baseball program will keep growing and moving forward. We're thankful for the contributions from a tremendous group of seniors and we're excited for the great team coming back and the new additions to the program."

For the student-athletes, the lack of the NCAA Regional bid this spring will prove to be a motivating factor going into next season.

"That was hard on our team," Brooks said. "We're proud of everything that we accomplished, and nobody can take that championship away from us. We are all happy for Coach Johnson and we're excited to get a new coaching staff in here. We have a lot of motivation building for next season. We can't wait." **N**

Quick hits ↘

KAEPERNICK TO HEADLINE GOVERNOR'S DINNER

Colin Kaepernick '10 (management), the standout San Francisco 49ers quarterback and one of the all-time great student-athletes in Nevada history, returns to Northern Nevada as the featured speaker of the 47th annual Governor's Dinner on July 10 at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City. Tickets can be ordered online at NevadaWolfPack.com/GovDinner. This event is expected to sell out. All proceeds from the Governor's Dinner benefit student-athlete scholarships at the University of Nevada. For tickets or more information, call (775) 682-6901 or email WolfPack@unr.edu.

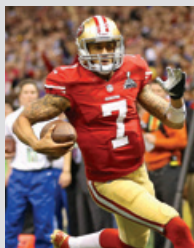


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BYLER, MUNGEDI WIN TOP SENIOR AWARDS

Baseball star Austin Byler and women's basketball standout Mimi Mungedi won the 2014-15 Doc Martie and Ruth I. Russell Awards, respectively, as the University of Nevada most outstanding senior athletes. Student-athletes are nominated by their head coaches and must be in their final year of eligibility and in good academic standing. "Austin and Mimi represent all of the great things about Nevada and have demonstrated excellence in competition, in the classroom and in our community," Knuth said. "We're proud of their achievements and their legacy with the Wolf Pack." Mungedi



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was twice selected as the Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year and was taken with the 25th overall pick in the WNBA Draft this spring. As a senior, she was named to the All-Mountain West team and WBCA All-Region team. In his final season at Nevada, Byler capped one of the most accomplished careers in recent Pack history by being named to the All-Mountain West first team and Louisville Slugger All-American third team. The slugger batted .328 this season with 65 hits, 69 runs and 52 RBI. Byler posted a .321 career batting average and ranked fourth in Nevada's record books with 40 career home runs and sixth with 211 career games played.

TRIO HONORED WITH GIVE BACK LIKE JACK AWARD

Kaelie Reviglio '15 (biology), Nicole Bus and senior associate athletics director Rhonda Bennett have been awarded the 2014-15 Give Back Like Jack Community Service Award. Bus, who just finished her junior year as a member of the Wolf Pack cheer squad, completed more than 100 hours of community service this season. She participated in nearly every activity for the Wolf Pack cheer team, which compiled more than 1,600 hours in 2014-15. Reviglio just completed her senior year on the Wolf Pack swimming and diving team and was active in her team's community service events this season. Bennett coordinates all of the community service activities for the Wolf Pack student-athletes and helped Nevada win the 2015 Mountain West Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Community Service Challenge with 5,805 hours.

LEE PART OF SPORTS EMMY-WINNING TEAM

Billy Lee '10 (journalism), digital media coordinator for University Athletics, recently won a Sports Emmy for his work as part of English Premier League coverage for NBC Sports Network. The Emmy, awarded in May, was for Most Outstanding Technical Team Studio. Lee was a broadcast scorebug operator and member of the graphics production team for NBC Sports in New York City prior to coming to work for his alma mater last year.



Photo courtesy of Mike Martino

NEVADA BOXING NAMED NATIONAL CHAMPS, LEADS BIG YEAR FOR CLUB SPORTS

In the increasingly competitive world of collegiate club sports, three University teams attained impressive achievements during their respective seasons, with a national championship by Nevada Boxing leading the way.

Nevada Boxing: With four boxers winning national championships in their respective weight divisions, the 2015 Nevada Boxing squad became the first since 1993 to bring the national championship title back to Reno. Jarred Santos, was named Most Outstanding Boxer and will be recognized as the Amateur Boxer of the Year by the Nevada Boxing Hall of Fame in August. The team is coached by University alumnus Mike Martino '80 (social services corrections), executive director of USA Boxing.

Wolf Pack Rugby: Competing in the Division IAA USA Rugby League, Wolf Pack Rugby made it to the College Sevens Championship for the first time. Battling in the Men's Division I bracket hosted at the University of Denver, the team went 2-3 and ended up ranked No. 19 in the country for club rugby.

Nevada Lacrosse: Following its 2014 Western Collegiate Lacrosse League Championship title in the Division II bracket, Nevada Lacrosse finished 2015 with an 11-2 record and a return visit to the league tournament. Though their season ended in the playoffs, the team will advance to compete in Division I this upcoming season. Alec Ledbetter, an attackman, received the Men's College Lacrosse Association's All-American award, the first-ever All-American award given to a Nevada Lacrosse player.

Mackay Stadium renovation

Initial construction on the \$11.5 million plan to renovate Mackay Stadium began in April 2015 with the bulk of the project set to start after fall 2015.

Plans for the renovation include additional restrooms, new stadium club and loge seating and the addition of chairback seating in seven sections to improve the fan gameday experience. The plans also call for new ADA accessible seating areas, the widening of aisles and installation of handrails to increase safety at the stadium.

The project has been in the planning stages for nearly three years as athletics department officials have worked directly with fan focus groups and analyzed data collected in fan surveys. The new seating areas and amenities will result in changes to seven seating areas at the stadium—five on the west side and two on the east side—as chairbacks will replace bleacher seating. The east-side luxury suites will be expanded and the stadium will see the addition of approximately 200 stadium club seats and 38 loge boxes.

The restroom facility will be completed in time for this season, with the rest of the renovation at the 49-year-old stadium set for completion prior to the 2016 season.

For more information on the Mackay Stadium renovation, call at (775) 348-PACK or visit NevadaWolfPack.com.



BY THE NUMBERS

12 EAST SIDE BOXES
CONVERTED TO
INDOOR/OUTDOOR SEATING

238 CLUB SEATS
BEING ADDED

**4,522 TOTAL
NEW SEATS**

**7,513
BLEACHER SEATS
BEING REMOVED**

**2,700 SQUARE FEET
OF NEW
RESTROOMS**

**1 STATE OF THE ART
ELEVATOR
ADDED TO WEST SIDE**

**7TH NEVADA'S RANK (OUT OF 12)
FOR MOST EXPENSIVE SEAT IN THE MW**

**38 BRAND NEW
LOGE BOXES**

**CHAIRBACK SEATS
ADDED**
2838 WEST SIDE **1088 EAST SIDE**

**8,000 SQUARE FEET
IN NEW STADIUM CLUB**

**2 STORIES
IN THE NEW
RESTROOM BUILDING**

**\$225
NEW CHAIRBACK
TICKET PRICE
NOT INCLUDING DONATION**

**\$575
MOST EXPENSIVE
CHAIRBACK
TOTAL PRICE
INCLUDING DONATION**



LEFT: New theatre-style club seats. MIDDLE: Loge box seating. RIGHT: The ultra luxurious, 8,000 square foot members-only Stadium Club will offer a full-service bar and kitchen and serve as the new focal point of Mackay Stadium.



Photo courtesy WolfPack Athletics

Including 2015 spring and summer graduates, Nevada has seen 661 of its student-athletes graduate in the past 10 years.

Student athletes succeed off the field

Excellence in the classroom has become a hallmark for University of Nevada student-athletes, and the spring semester was no exception.

Forty-nine student athletes received degrees during the University's 125th Commencement in May. This year's crop of graduates represents all 16 of Nevada's sports programs, with five members of the Nevada spirit program also graduating.

"Congratulations to all of our student

athletes who are graduating this spring and summer," said Doug Knuth, Nevada's athletics director. "We thank them for their contributions to Nevada athletics and applaud them on achieving the ultimate goal of earning their degrees."

In May, the University saw new heights reached in the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate report, as 14 of 16 Wolf Pack sports met or improved their scores from last year, and all 16 met

or exceeded the benchmark set by the NCAA.

The Wolf Pack's volleyball team earned a public recognition award this year for ranking in the top 10 percent in the nation for its sport, the eighth time in the last five years that a Wolf Pack sport has earned public recognition. Nevada has met or exceeded the standards set by the NCAA and has been penalty-free in the history of the APR program.

"It remains a high priority of this University to help student-athletes achieve success in the classroom and stay on the path to earn their college degrees," said University President Marc Johnson.



Photo courtesy WolfPack Athletics

Former Nevada softball player Jayme King '14 (center) received the Inspiration Award April 28 during the Wolfie Awards Ceremony. King lost her battle with cancer June 9.

at the inaugural Wolfie Awards April 28 that received a standing ovation from the audience in Nightingale Concert Hall. King received the Inspiration Award, which will hereafter carry her name.

The event celebrated the athletic and academic achievements of Wolf Pack students, and was presented by Nevada's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the Nevada athletics department. Nine Wolfie Awards were voted upon by student athletes and presented alongside a number of academic achievements and honors.

The lasting moment was the tribute to King, who celebrating her 24th birthday the same day. King played softball for the Wolf Pack in 2011 before being stricken with Ewing's sarcoma. She underwent chemotherapy and surgery, followed by another round of chemotherapy. In 2012, doctors told her that the rare bone cancer was in remission. However, the cancer returned in 2013, and King endured

another round of chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant. She graduated from the University in December while battling another recurrence.

She was presented the inaugural award that bears her name. Moving forward, the Jayme King Inspiration Award will be presented annually to a Nevada student athlete who exhibits courage in overcoming adversity, whether it be in athletics, academics or life.

"Do something every day that you wouldn't normally do," King told a crowd of more than 600 students, parents and friends. "I sat in the seat you are sitting in as an athlete. I lived and breathed my sport."

"It was all I knew and nothing else could get in the way. When you hear 'You have cancer,' your life stops on a dime. If you can do it today, do it today. Don't wait until tomorrow because life is the easiest thing to take for granted."

King passed away June 9 surrounded by loved ones. The King family has established memorials at the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation (www.nvchildrenscancer.org) and Family House in San Francisco (www.familyhouseinc.org).

Wolfie Awards celebrate student athletes

Former Nevada softball player Jayme King '14 (human development and family studies) gave a touching and memorable speech

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Message from the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

Summer at the University of Nevada is always an exciting time. Brand new graduates are trying to find their place in the world. Soon-to-be freshmen are trying to find their future classrooms during orientation. And alumni? Well, we're just trying to find a way to hit as many fun events as possible! Here are a few for your calendars.

Each year, we team up with Summer Session to sponsor Pack Picnics on the Quad. These family-friendly concerts are held every Wednesday through August 12. So pack up your picnic and your people for live music, watermelon, popcorn and good times. Visit alumni.unr.edu/events for a schedule of this year's artists and our alumni chapter co-sponsors.

The Nevada Alumni Association will sponsor the WIN Breakfast Aug. 28 at the Peppermill featuring a panel of former NASA employees involved in the Challenger Project at Sparks High School. This sponsorship was made possible by generous donations from Nevada Alumni Council members. My sincere thanks to Gary, Nick, Tim, Kris, Amy, Deb, Brad, Jocelyn, Ty and Chul for joining me in support of this worthwhile event!

Join us Oct. 23 as we march from the Reno Arch to the University Quad for the Third Annual March from the Arch! This year's Homecoming theme is "Survivor," so keep an eye out for #PackTakesHawaii on social media. If you or your business would like to join the Nevada Alumni Association and ASUN in sponsoring this Homecoming tradition, please visit MarchFromTheArch.com for sponsorship levels and benefits.

I am happy to report that since last issue, Nevada Alumni Association membership grew to 2,139 dues-paying members, a more than 14% increase! If you are not already a member, please consider joining as a way to support the institution that gave you so much. I look forward to reporting another record increase in our next issue.

And last, but certainly not least, this spring's commencement saw a record number of graduates walk across the stage to accept their diplomas. On behalf of the Nevada Alumni Association, congratulations to all 3,929 of this year's graduates. Best of luck with your next adventure!

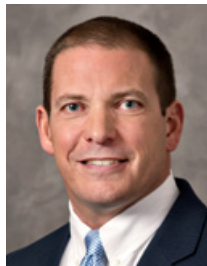
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Sincerely,



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Class Chat



Carolyn Barbash '90, '98 MBA

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'40s

Dorothy Austin '42 (chemistry) wants all Nevada alumni from the 1930s, '40s and '50s to know that she has been a widow for 30 years, and she is still alive and in perfect health. No anything. Nada. Zilch. Zero. Muchas gracias and bonjour. Guten Tag.

'70s

Arline Fisher '74 (journalism) recently published her first novel, *The Corner Saloon*, which is set in Virginia City during the silver boom. The novel is available through Amazon and on Kindle. Arline makes her home in St. George, Utah.

'80s

Colette Rausch '86 (journalism) is the author of the recently published book *Speaking Their*

Peace: Personal Stories from the Frontlines of War and Peace. With a foreword from the Dalai Lama, *Speaking Their Peace* contains 80 interviews from 11 countries and gives a voice to people who have been silenced by the trauma of conflict, gagged by fear and conformity, or muted by the world's indifference.

'90s

Carolyn Barbash '90 (electrical engineering), '98 MBA was recently promoted to vice

Wolf Mates



Jonathan Ashbaugh '06 (political science) and **Kalli Mannos '09** (nutrition) were married last April in Incline Village. After moving away to further their education and careers, they have returned to Reno and are proud to call Nevada their home.

Jennifer (Franklin) Orolfo '12 (human development and family studies) and **Joshua**



Orolfo '10 (information systems) were married Aug. 2, 2014 at Lakeside Beach, South Lake Tahoe. Josh and Jennifer have been together since 2004. Josh works for IGT while Jennifer works for the University of Nevada's Child and Family Research Center. Josh and Jennifer live in Reno and plan to start working on their master's degrees in the next year.



Maria (Perez) Henderson '06 (Spanish, criminal justice) '15 M.A. (educational leadership) and **Richard Henderson '15 M.A.** (educational leadership) were married May 23 in Reno. Maria and Richard live in western Washington State where they proudly represent the Nevada Wolf Pack.



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president, compliance and standards with NV Energy. She began work with NV Energy in 1989 as an engineering intern. Carolyn and her family live in Reno where she serves on the boards of the Nevada Women's Fund and the Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada. Carolyn also served on the boards of the Boys & Girls Club of Carson Valley, Western Nevada College Foundation and the Western Energy Coordinating Council.

Brigadier Gen. Ondra Berry '97 MPA

recently took command of the Nevada Air National Guard. Ondra served on the Reno police force for 25 years before retiring as an assistant chief. In 2013, he became the first African American Brigadier General in the history of the Nevada National Guard.

Anne (Alama) Carpenter '92 (criminal justice) recently won the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Public Safety Award and the Strategic Highway Safety Plan Safety Communications Award for creating the "It Can Wait for 28 Challenge." Anne developed the program to reduce the number of distraction related crashes in Nevada by increasing the public's awareness of the problem and encouraging a change in habits. Anne is currently a captain with the Department of Public Safety, Highway Patrol Division, responsible for commercial, rural and day shift operations. She lives in Las Vegas.

Gina Leonhard '92 (education) has been named Principal of the Year by the Secondary School Principals' Association of Nevada. Gina is principal of Shaw Middle School in Spanish Springs and had the highest possible rating on the Nevada Department of Education's school performance evaluation.

Shawn Elicegui '93 (international affairs, political science) was recently promoted to senior vice president, regulation and strategic planning with NV Energy. Shawn lives in Reno with his family where he served on the advisory board for the Washoe County Salvation Army. He also worked with Sky Tavern Junior Ski Program, serving as a volunteer ski instructor and contributing time to the



Anne (Alama) Carpenter '92



Shawn Elicegui '93



Dawn Gibbons '02



Kristen (Newton) Mayer '02



Lauralie Lee Ezra '05

operation of the organization. He also served as an officer of the administrative law section of the Nevada Bar.

Patty Clawson '95 (journalism) is the marketing manager for Big Fish Creations, a digital media agency located in Graeagle, Calif. She is working to create a partnership between the City of Portola and the University to expand educational opportunities to Plumas county students as a component of the region's economic development.

Elizabeth Xu '95 M.S. (computer science), **'95 Ph.D.** (atmospheric science) was recently profiled for a Women of Influence 2015 feature for *Silicon Valley Business Journal*. Elizabeth joined BMC Software Inc. as chief technology officer and global vice president of engineering for the Service Support Business Unit. She has parlayed her childhood desire to become a scientist into a 20-year career as an award-winning engineering executive and business leader. Elizabeth holds one patent and has won awards for her leadership and community service from IBM and Peking University.

Jacqueline Grant '99 (history) joined the Sage Ridge School faculty in Reno last fall as chair of the history department. She and her students share a passion for learning, and Jacqueline is excited to be a part of this amazing team.

'00s

Dawn Gibbons '02 (general studies), former First Lady of Nevada, has recently joined the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges as vice president of development. Throughout her career, Dawn has championed fundraising and public awareness for many important causes, including autism, domestic violence, human trafficking, drug addiction and the military.

Kristen (Newton) Mayer '02 (journalism) has recently become a financial advisor at Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., member SIPC and NYSE, a full-service brokerage and investment banking firm in downtown Reno.

Michelle (Youngs) Bays '04 (general studies), **'09 M.A.** (political science) was recently

appointed to the position of public information officer with the Washoe County District Attorney's office. Michelle is a supervising investigator and began her law enforcement career at the sheriff's office in 2008. In this role, she will help keep the community and local media informed.

Jeremy Floyd '04 (anthropology, history) has recently returned to work for the University of Nevada as the metadata librarian for the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. He will lead the metadata wing of the metadata and cataloging department, as well as support metadata strategies for special collections and archives and digital initiatives within University Libraries. Jeremy holds a master's of library science from Indiana University, and has worked as a librarian and archivist at colleges and universities in Texas and New York before returning to the Silver State in January.

Lauralie Lee Ezra '05 (speech communications) is expanding her digital marketing and advertising agency, Crowd Siren. The five-year-old, Las Vegas-based company opened an office in Denver in June. In her role as

Wolfcubs



Lauren Elise Finke was born April 24 to proud parents **Chris Finke '98** (health sciences) and **Lacie N. (Bourland) Finke '07** (general studies) at Carson Tahoe Hospital. Lauren weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. The family lives in Gardnerville, Nev.



Amanda (Hawkins) Erwin '05 (journalism) and **Philip Erwin '06** (economics) proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Evan-geline Erwin, on April 7, 2015.



Kyle '06 Potter (marketing) and **Niki Potter** are happy to announce the newest Wolf Pack fan, Beckett Potter, born March 10 in San Diego, Calif.



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Nevada Alumni Association celebrates Spring 2015 Senior Scholars

Family, friends, college deans and members of the University of Nevada, Reno administration joined the Nevada Alumni Association to honor the top graduating senior from each school and college at the University. The May 13 event recognized the scholars for achieving the highest grade point average in their respective colleges. Also recognized were the mentors selected by each scholar as having the greatest impact on their studies at the University. *Back Row: Kari Barber, Beau Smith, Diane Barone, Pamela Sandstrom, Ravi Subramanian, Emma Sepúlveda Pulvirenti, Kim Baxter, Brian Barnes, Patricia Ellison, Jean Jeon. Front Row: Christina Fagundes, Adrienne Poteete, Steven DelaCruz, Ivón Padilla-Rodríguez, Maybritt Hirvela, Katelyn Shive.*

*College of Agriculture, Biotechnology
and Natural Resources*

Brian Barnes

Mentor: Patricia Ellison

GPA: 3.992

College of Business

Katelyn Shive

Mentor: Jean Jeon

GPA: 3.993

College of Education

Christina Fagundes

Mentor: Diane Barone

GPA: 3.994

College of Engineering

Steven DelaCruz

Mentor: Ravi Subramanian

GPA: 4.0

College of Liberal Arts

Ivón Padilla-Rodríguez

Mentor: Emma Sepúlveda Pulvirenti

GPA: 3.99

College of Science

Adrienne Poteete

Mentor: Pamela Sandstrom

GPA: 3.989

Division of Health Sciences – Orvis School of Nursing

Maybritt Hirvela

Mentor: Lisa Thomas

GPA: 4.0

Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism

Beau Smith

Mentor: Kari Barber

GPA: 3.941

CEO, Lauralie oversees the strategy, sales and growth of the firm, and serves clients such as Massage Envy and The Howard Hughes Corporation.

N Adam Kiefer '05 (political science), '11 MBA has joined Nevada State Bank as vice president, business development officer. Before joining Nevada State Bank, Adam

served as regional sales manager for Employers Insurance Company and as bank liaison and placement specialist for Wells Fargo Insurance Services. He is currently a board member for the Nevada Football Alumni Association.

Milton Hyams '06 M.A. (teaching of history) is the recipient of the Nevada Humanities

Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award. He has led the We the People program at Incline High School for 15 years, and led teams to victory in regional as well as national competitions.

Tim Mullin '06 (journalism, political science) was recently hired as the center director for the USO Las Vegas office. He will oversee all



Rick Angold '07



T.J. Johnson '10



Rebecca Hamlin '11

local programming and fundraising efforts to fulfill the USO's mission to uplift the spirits of American troops and their families.

Rick Angold '07 (finance) has been promoted to vice president of finance with Gaming Capital Group, a gaming, leisure and hospitality focused private equity group. Rick currently lives in Reno where he enjoys traveling with his wife, **Megan '06** (management), and their 2-year old son, Hudson.

Remi Warren '08 (marketing) is host of "Apex Predator," a television series on the Sportsman Channel. Remi studies how animals like alligators or wolves kill their prey and then tries to apply those skills in his

own hunts. Remi grew up hunting in Nevada with his family. He also writes articles for hunting-related publications. Remi works as a hunting guide in Montana and New Zealand and is a co-host and recurring guest on other hunting shows.

Kathleen Wright-Bryan '09 (criminal justice), '11 MJM was appointed by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council to the Tax Commission. Each commissioner will serve two-year terms and service the community and businesses by administering the Tax Code of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe with integrity, efficiency and consistency.

'10s

T.J. Johnson '10 (civil engineering) has joined Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as a member of its intellectual property department. He is located in the firm's Bloomfield Hills, Mich. office. T.J. focuses his practice on patent matters, particularly in the areas of mechanical, electrical and software arts.

Rebecca Hamlin '11 MSW recently joined the team at StartHuman, a human performance and productivity organization based in Reno as chief behavioral officer. She is a licensed clinical social worker and certified Daring Way facilitator. Most recently, Rebecca worked as a therapist and day treat-

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To nominate an alumnus, please submit online - alumni.unr.edu/nomination.aspx

Or fax this form to: (775) 784-4878 or nvalumni@unr.edu.

Or mail the below form to: Nevada Alumni Association, Morrill Hall Alumni Center, University of Nevada, Reno/0164, Reno, Nevada 89557-0164.

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Meghan Pescio '11



Lauren Dick '12

ment counselor at Mojave Mental Health. She also volunteers regularly at Awaken Reno, an organization committed to end sex trafficking in Reno.

Meghan Pescio '11 (journalism) recently joined the team at StartHuman, a human performance and productivity organization based in Reno as chief marketing officer. After serving as marketing manager at the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada, Meghan most recently worked as the digital marketing manager for Pinpoint Publications in Las Vegas. Active in the local community, Meghan is a curator for TEDxReno and also serves on the board of the Holland Project.

Lauren Dick '12 (journalism) has joined the

team at KPS3 Marketing as an account coordinator. Lauren will work with the firm's account management and digital teams, providing research, search engine optimization, and project management for clients in industries ranging from healthcare to gaming to higher education. Before joining the team at KPS3, Lauren was an account coordinator with The Glenn Group.

Brian Wadsworth '12 (international business) was appointed by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council to the Tax Commission. Each commissioner will serve two-year terms and service the community and businesses by administering the Tax Code of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe with integrity, efficiency, and consistency.

Patrick Harris '14 (marketing) recently published the final book in his trilogy Waterman Chronicles titled *Red in the Waters*. The trilogy's unlikely hero is Erik Atl, an average kid turned superhero from Patrick's own hometown of Spring Creek. Erik is charged with saving Elko, Nev. from bloodthirsty supervillains. Erik's alter ego, Waterman, must battle pure evil to save the small Nevada town from certain doom. Patrick enjoys hunting, biking, swimming, his dog Flash and telling corny jokes. [N](#)

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Chapter Updates



TOP: Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter's executive board with graduating seniors at the 2015 Annual Senior Brunch April 28. Megan Dowty, Nicole French-Lorenzi '98, Rickie Ritchie, Elliot E Sparkman '04, Nancy Stoltz '94, Kelsey Koyanagi, Michaela Cano '15, Coach Kim Anastassatos '97, Jill Dowty '11, Adrienne Ewert, Coach Jordan Woll '12, Nicole Shimabuku '03, '09 M.A. BOTTOM LEFT: New members of the Student Ambassadors Alumni Chapter show off their membership certificate during Senior Night and Alumni Induction May 9. BOTTOM RIGHT: Rick Angold '07, Steve Anderson, Joe Brady and Matt Grimes '07 at the 24th annual COBAA golf tournament at Wolf Run Golf Club May 7.

College of Business Alumni Association

Kyle McCann '05, '11 M.S., kyle@krmwealth.com

The College of Business Alumni Association held its 24th annual golf tournament May 7 at Wolf Run Golf Club. Once again, alumni and community turnout was exceptional, and we would like to recognize and thank our participants and sponsors for their support! Major sponsors included Wells Fargo, Eide Bailly, Dunham Trust Company, The Bosma Group, United Federal Credit Union, Port of Subs, New West Distributors and Nevada Franchised Auto Dealers Association. The event raised more than \$10,000 to be used toward scholarships, student organization funding and The College of Business event sponsorship.

COBAA is excited to announce the publication of the fourth annual issue of our magazine, *N Venture*, which will be out in August 2015. Please visit us at www.cobaa.org for more information.

COBAA is co-sponsoring the Nevada Alumni Association's Pack Picnic on the Quad with Guitar Woody and the Boilers July 22 from 6-8 p.m. Please join us for a fun evening! As always, we thank you for your support and wish you a wonderful summer.

Honors Program Alumni Chapter

Riley Carroll '15, rileybcarroll@gmail.com

The Honors Program Alumni Chapter will be co-sponsoring the Pack Picnic on the Quad July 29 with Jelly Bread, as well as a fall reception to increase outreach to both recent and longer-term honors alumni. We also have several events planned this summer and fall

that will support honors recruitment and advising in both Las Vegas and Reno. To get involved, please contact Riley Carroll or Daniel Villanueva, danielv@unr.edu. Go Pack!

Native American Alumni Chapter

Stephanie Wyatt '12, swyatt1031@gmail.com

The Native American Alumni Chapter held its annual graduation event May 3 to celebrate nearly 100 Native American spring 2015 and fall 2014 graduates. Sherry Rupert '05 (finance), executive director of the state of Nevada Indian Commission, gave the keynote address to attendees, which included Native American Pageant Royalty and the Native American Alumni Chapter scholarship recipient. Stay in touch with chapter events on Facebook.

Nevada Bay Area Alumni Chapter

Jocelyn Weart '00, jocelynweart@gmail.com

This spring, Bay Area alumni gathered at the Hermitage Brewing Company Tap Room before the Wolf Pack played San Jose State University. We rooted our baseball team on their journey to the Mountain West Championship! We enjoyed a St. Paddy's Day brunch in San Francisco, and welcomed many new members who attended. This summer we've organized multiple happy hours and brunches in both San Francisco and the South Bay, a Giants baseball outing in July and a family trip to the Discovery Museum in San Jose. All Bay Area happenings are posted on our Facebook page, so "like" us to stay

in touch. For more information about events or to learn how to get involved, please visit www.nvbaac.com.

Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter

Elliot Sparkman '04, eesparkman@gmail.com

We are honored to have been named the Nevada Alumni Association 2015 Chapter of the Year. Thank you to our membership, executive board, current team and coaches, Coach Kim Anastassatos '97, the Nevada Alumni Association and the Nevada Athletics Department for helping make our fourth year our most successful yet!

This year we doubled our membership, started our first ever alumni chapter professional mentorship program, established the base of a scholarship endowment, increased attendance at our flagship events (Cheers to Happy Hour, Homecoming, Senior Brunch and Cheers to our Seniors), added new events in Las Vegas, grew our executive board and saw 100 percent of our graduating seniors join the chapter.

Please consider making a donation on our website at alumni.unr.edu/chapters to support our student athletes with academic scholarships. We look forward to another successful year and hope you will join us. Thanks and Go Pack!

Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter

Erica Tabano '10, tabano@gmail.com

The Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter is currently planning a mystery bus tour and Homecoming dinner for the fall. Please visit our Facebook page for more information about our chapter and details about upcoming events.



TOP LEFT: Recent graduates and new Honors Program Alumni Chapter leadership Riley Carroll '15, Joseph Ward '15 and Reena Spansail '15. TOP RIGHT: The Veterans Alumni Chapter executive committee. Vice President of Membership Zach Totans '14, Treasurer Jeremy Schachter '14, Vice President of Programming Troy Stormoen '10, President Cesar Melgarejo '13, Secretary Donald Stockton '13. BOTTOM LEFT: Cathy Butler '74 and Michelle Kling '75, '94 M.S. brave the cold to greet guests at the game and sell brand new OSNA and OSNA apparel at the Nevada vs. Reno Aces baseball game April 7. BOTTOM RIGHT: The Sacramento Alumni Chapter at Bunz Sports Pub & Grub during their Annual Mystery Bus Trip Feb. 7.

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, '88 MBA, lvrswrds@aol.com

The Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association's annual spring event was held April 7. Nearly 40 members and friends came out to watch the Wolf Pack baseball team and Reno Aces square off at Aces Ballpark. The temperature was low, but spirits were high as OSNA members cheered for their favorite team!

OSNA sponsored its second CEU event June 20. It was well attended, and both members and non-members expressed their appreciation for local opportunities to earn CEUs.

Congratulations to our three golden grads who attended Golden Reunion May 14 and 15: Pat (Dinan) Hecker '65, Kay (Park) Selliger '65, and Karen (Bradbury) Mak '65. Also, congratulations to OSN's spring graduates, including 68 OSN undergraduates, 12 master's and three doctoral graduates!

Find us on Facebook to stay in touch!

Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Steve Park '99, steve.park@tricommercial.com

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter is thriving. We had a successful Mystery Dinner Bus Trip in February. Our bus load of nearly 40 Nevada grads and friends left Sacramento for Bunz Sport Pub & Grub in Roseville for some pre-game refreshments. The bus then headed north into the night for Live Oak — the scene of our feast at Pasquini's Fine Italian Food. Our raffle and contributions added more than \$3,000 to the chapter's Eppie G. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

We are now focused on the Oct. 24 Homecoming game against

Hawaii. The chapter will be there in force.

We have several Wolf Pack football viewing parties scheduled for this fall, so stay in touch with us on Facebook for more information.

Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter

Scott Fielden '88, '93 M.D., sdfmd@aol.com

The Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter has had a great last few months! We hosted our second annual Party at the Yurt ski day, a social at Dom Demarcos, a tailgate before the Nevada vs. UNLV baseball game, and a great party before the Reno Aces vs. 51's baseball game.

We look forward to our many summer and fall events, including the annual Hike and Hydrate July 18 at Mt. Charleston, "Tarzan" at Spring Mountain Ranch in August, a viewing party for the Nevada vs. Arizona game Sept. 12 and the Nevada vs. UNLV game Oct. 3.

We would like to recognize Trevor Macaluso '11 (political science) as Alumnus of the Quarter! He has been very involved in our chapter this year and has agreed to serve as chapter president. He also sits on the Nevada Alumni Council. Don't forget to stay in touch on Facebook!

Student Ambassadors Alumni Chapter

Priscilla Acosta '10, nvambassadoralumni@gmail.com

The Student Ambassadors Alumni Chapter celebrated the class of 2015 at the annual Senior Night event in May, welcoming 24 new members to the chapter. Current Student Ambassadors and alumni co-hosted the event to create a memorable night for all the seniors.

Over the summer, the Student Ambassadors Alumni Chapter

will give back to the community by volunteering at the Shakespeare Festival at Lake Tahoe.

Stay up to date on our upcoming events and leadership opportunities through our Facebook page.

UNSOM Alumni Chapter

Scott Fielden '88, '93 M.D., sdfmd@aol.com

The Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Chapter would like to congratulate all 2015 graduates, and we wish them luck in their graduate medical training.

Please join us for our fall Homecoming reception Friday, Oct. 23, where we will recognize the classes of 2005 and 1990.

Visit us online at medicine.nevada.edu/development/alumni to join or learn more.

Veterans Alumni Chapter

Cesar Melgarejo '13, cesar.melgarejo@icloud.com

The Veterans Alumni Chapter is honored to join the Nevada Alumni Association as the newest alumni chapter. Our mission is to create a network of driven and empowered veterans that work together to grow professionally through mentorship and collaboration in order to lead, serve and engage with our community.

To join the chapter, visit us online at alumni.unr.edu/chapters, and stay in touch on Facebook to hear about upcoming events and engagement opportunities. [N](#)

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Spring Commencement

The University awarded 2,500 degrees during the 125th Commencement May 15 and 16 in Lawlor Events Center. Inclement weather moved the ceremony, long held on the historic University Quad, but the rain did nothing to dampen the excitement of graduation for the crowd of thousands.

- (1)** Cordelia Alexander Leeder '15 and Adreana Polimeni '15.
(2) Suthida Khongkhatitham '15 with her friends and family.

(3) Sachini Meegodakankanamgedona '15, Lilian So '15, Shawna Son-Ca Phan '15 and Michelle Ou '15.

(4) Cassie Sander '15, Samuel Cruz '15 and Alexandra Powell '15 taking a selfie.

(5) Whip Villarreal '15 and family.

(6) Yolanda Malone '15 and Ronnie Stevens Jr. '15.

(7) Each year, the Herz Gold Medal is awarded during the Spring Commencement ceremony to the graduating senior with the highest GPA. This year, University President Marc Johnson presented the medal to Steven

DelaCruz '15, who, among numerous accolades and accomplishments, completed the most honors coursework in the history of the University Honors Program.

(8) Jessica Carling '15, Marvin-Anthony Bell '15 and Ashley Davis '15.

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Gatherings



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Golden Reunion

The Nevada Alumni Association welcomed the Class of 1965 back to campus for their Golden Reunion May 14-15. Nearly 100 alumni and guests attended this year's events. Activities included a tour of new campus facilities and recognition during Friday morning's commencement ceremony.

(1) Golden Grads enjoyed reminiscing about old times at a dinner in their honor May 14.

(2) Golden Grads Lynn Ossolinski '65, Diane Hooley '65 and Prella Fordham '65.

(3) Golden Grads were recognized during the May 15 Commencement Ceremony in Lawlor Events Center.

(4) Lois Bianchi '65, Peter Manda, David Bianchi '68 and Joseph Mayer '65

Senior Scholars

The Nevada Alumni Association celebrated the top scholar from each college with its semi-annual Senior Scholar Awards May 13. Attendees enjoyed remarks from Provost Kevin Carman and Nevada Alumni Council President Matt Clafton '93.

(5) Scholar Brian Bares '15 and family.

(6) Nevada Alumni Council Matt Clafton '93, Mentor Emma Sepulveda Pulvirenti '76, '78 M.A., Scholar Ivon Padilla-Rodriguez '15 with University Provost Kevin Carman.

(7) Scholar Maybritt Hirvela '15 with her family.

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Grad Celebration

The Nevada Alumni Association welcomed the Class of 2015 into the alumni family with a celebration luncheon in the Virginia Street Gym April 30.

(1) Erin Collins '15, Ziad Rashdan, Comedian K-von '03, and Bruce Warner.

(2) Mechanical engineering graduates Kelsey Scalaro, Dillon Smith '14, Andrew McNeilly '15, Austin Hardage '15, Billy Mann '15 and Lauren Guevel '15.

(3) Nevada Alumni Council member Delores Clewe '69

works the "Wheel of Fun" as Lindsey McElfish '15 and Theresa Hardy '15 spin to win.

(4) Nevada Alumni Association Vice President Nick Butler '02, '06 M.Acc. congratulates the soon-to-be alumni.

(5) Jamie Ahumada '15, and Edwin Ahumada '15, with Wolfie Jr.

The COBA Golf Tournament

The College of Business Alumni Association hosted its 24th annual golf tournament at Wolf Run Golf Club May 7. More than 100 College of Business

alumni and supporters took part in the 18-hole outing and pre-round barbecue, braving unseasonably cold temperatures to support COBAA's largest fundraising event.

(6) Johnny Olivas, Tim Clausen '02, Kyle McCann '05, '11 M.S. and Dan Clausen.

(7) COBA members and friends came in from the cold for warm barbecue and fun times.

(8) Ashley Nikkel '09, Chandeni (Gill) Sendall '05, '07 M.S., Michael Kealy and Gary Brooks '14 MBA.



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Student Recruitment Events

The Nevada Alumni Association and Office for Prospective Students joined forces to host 10 student recruitment events throughout California and Nevada. More than 1,700 high school students, their parents and families learned more about the University of Nevada from alumni and University representatives.

(1) Student Ambassador J.O. Salva speaking to high school students and parents about student life at Nevada.

(2) Vice President for Student Services Shannon Ellis (center) was at each event to speak with students and families.

(3) Student Ambassadors Sara Hanafi, Charles Buchanan, Kenneth Ronquillo and Alex Flores at DragonRidge Country Club in Las Vegas May 20.

(4) Alumnus Alex Waller '09 spoke to the attendees at Granite Bay Country Club about his Nevada experience.

(5) Student Ambassador Alex Flores engages with students and parents at DragonRidge Country Club.

Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter - Aces vs. 51s Game

Nearly 150 Las Vegas area alumni came out for the 4th annual Reno Aces vs. Las Vegas 51s tailgate party and baseball game May 1.

(1) Sean Sullivan '89, Melanie Polk '81 and Elizabeth Mekus '10.

(2) Breanna Pedrosa '06, Allison Brodish '06, Jordanna Evans '06 and Jennifer Burke.

(3) Geoff '88 and Tammy Schumacher.



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'49



Robert W. Blair
'65, '71 M.S.



Louise C. (Denio) Fredrickson '72



David B. Klos '72



Patrick H. Cuning
'73, '81 M.Ed.



Phyllis H. Gurries
'82



Melody M. Gough
'99, '04 MA-TE



Samantha Jade Wang '15

Friends

Thomas F. Grose

May 24, 2013 — Overland Park, Kan.

Hilda B. Wunner

May 21, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Faculty

Dorothy J. (Darnell) Button

May 3, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Robert C. Clift

April 9, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Mary A. Winter

Feb. 2, 2015 — Carlin, Nev.

Diana L. (Kirby) Moler

March 9, 2015 — Sparks, Nev.

Denise L. (Seaman) Tarnier

April 11, 2015 — Sparks, Nev.

Alumni

James M. Ryan '68

(biological sciences), '74 M.Ed.

April 2, 2015 — Surprise, Ariz.

Angiolena (Cordano) Bisagno '38 NSC

(normal school)
April 2, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Nellie E. (Isola) Marciano '42

(Spanish)
April 15, 2015 — Sparks, Nev.

Elliott E. Reyer '43

(mining engineering)
March 1, 2015 — Mequan, Wis.

Billie Rose (Mackes) Hiltz

attended 1947
April 24, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Opal (Smithwick) Mellows

attended 1947-1950
Feb. 19, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Gloria (Mapes) Walker '47

(arts & science)

2014 — Reno, Nev.

John M. Stosic

attended 1948, 1972
May 13, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

George M. Getto '49

(economics)
March 7, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Harry J. Williams '49

(paralegal)
March 14, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Lenley E. Crocker '50

(journalism)
Feb. 21, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Theodore W. Kondel '50

(physical education)
Feb. 10, 2015 — Wallington, N.J.

Ralph P. Leupold '50

(business administration)
March 5, 2015 — Brooklyn, Conn.

Ronald E. Wolford '50

(civil engineering)
Dec. 13, 2013 — Irvine, Calif.

William N. Forman '52

(political science)
Feb. 18, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Paul A. Clawson '54

(mechanical engineering)
Oct. 19, 2014 — Huntington Beach, Calif.

Frederick A. Dickinson '54

(history)
March 7, 2013 — Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ervin J. Young '54

(economics)
April 23, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

John "Pat" Miller

attended 1955-57
March 15, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

David L. Fuhrman

attended 1957-60
Feb. 12, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Harold L. Plummer '57

(business administration)
March 2, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Charles H. Knight '58 M.Ed.

April 20, 2015 — Elko, Nev.

Harry L. Walters

attended 1959-63
May 6, 2015 — Phoenix, Ore.

William W. Wright '60

(mining engineering)
April 9, 2015 — Novato, Calif.

Robert S. Challender '63

(art)
Dec. 11, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Susan (Peter) Barkman

attended 1964-65
April 29, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Camden D. Solari

attended 1964-68
May 8, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Robert W. Blair '65

(engineering science), '71 M.S. (nuclear engineering)
Jan. 15, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Jeanette Chiappero '66

(Spanish)
April 20, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Romie (Johnson) Stender '66

(office administration)
April 4, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Jack L. Schofield '67 M.Ed.

March 14, 2015 — Las Vegas, Nev.

Regent Schofield committed his life to advancing education in Nevada, and his contributions will never be forgotten. He served 12 years on the NSHE Board of Regents where his leadership and accomplishments have made a lasting impact on the institution and our State.

Thomas R. Golbov '67

(physics)
2015 — Sparks, Nev.

Kirk F. Kinne '67

(physical education), '73 M.A. (school administration)
March 20, 2015 — Carson City, Nev.

Dale J. Placey '67

(metallurgical engineering)
Feb. 9, 2015 — Amherst, N.Y.

Jack L. Schofield '67 M.Ed.

March 14, 2015 — Las Vegas, Nev.

Velma M. McKay

attended 1969-70
March 24, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Jackson R. Sheen '69

(chemistry)
May 8, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Ann M. Hartwick '70

M.A. (social psychology)
February 10, 2015 — Sparks, Nev.

Louise C. (Denio) Fredrickson '72

(elementary education)
May 11, 2015 — Gardnerville, Nev.

Rita C. (Osborne) Huneycutt '72

(business education), '76 M.A. (education)
March 14, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

David B. Klos '72

(mechanical engineering)
Feb. 22, 2015 — Kennewick, Wash.

Lucille B. (James) Crawforth '73

(elementary education)
May 1, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Patrick H. Cuning '73

(physical education), '81 M.Ed.
Feb. 28, 2015 — Sparks, Nev.

Adelma E. (Gasparri) Hiatt '73

(education)
March 1, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

John A. Hutchings '73

(renewable natural resources)
April 3, 2015 — Pioche, Nev.

Dennis G. Caviglia '74

(business administration)
April 7, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Stephen G. Young '75

(managerial sciences)
March 27, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

William B. Akert '81 H.A.

February, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Joseph F. Melcher '81

(agricultural industrial mech.)
April 4, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Albert A. Flangas '82

(managerial sciences)
March 26, 2015 — Las Vegas, Nev.

Phyllis H. Gurries '82

(history)
March 15, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Jeanine M. Vandevort '85

(English) '89 M.Ed., '97 ED-SP, '07 Ph.D.
(curriculum and instruction)
March 30, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Gregory S. Pari '90

Ph.D. (cellular and molecular biology)
May 3, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Jason R. Buma '91

(political science)
March 29, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Linda K. Lake '91 M.A.

(theatre)

David J. Lang '95

(finance)
Feb. 25, 2015 — San Francisco, Calif.

Frederick J. Simonelli '95 Ph.D.

(history)
Jan. 1, 2015 — El Dorado Hills, Calif.

Lauralee (Del Carlo) Lundy '98

(elementary education)
Feb. 26, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Melody M. Gough '99

(general studies), '04 MA-TE (teaching English)
Feb. 9, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Robert S. Barsan '14*

(psychology)
Sept. 1, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Jayme L. King '14

(human development & family studies)
June 9, 2015 — Fernley, Nev.

Elisa Storke '02

(elementary education), '05 M.A. (teaching English as a second language), '14 Ph.D.* (curriculum, teaching and learning)
July 24, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Erica L. Greif '15*

(nutrition, art)
April 8, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

Elizabeth A. Van Kleek '15*

(business administration, marketing and environmental science)
Dec. 7, 2014 — Hillsboro, Ore.

Samantha Jade Wang '15*

(journalism)
Dec. 16, 2014 — Las Vegas, Nev.

*Degree awarded posthumously

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The University has a special place in our family. We represent four generations of graduates with our grandfather, Harry "Nono" Lipparelli, having graduated in 1931. He was right when he told his son and three grandkids that Nevada would be "the greatest time of your life." The Pack connects dads, moms, brothers, sisters, cousins and kids. And with thousands of students, the University has created lifelong friendships for each of us. There is a blue thread that connects us and fills us with pride as we gather at tailgate parties, school and alumni events, and especially at graduations.

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Jan Brady '63, '88 MBA in the Honor Court.

Alumni Profile:

Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63 (nursing), '88 MBA

Occupation: **Happily Retired**

What has your life been like since graduation?

Life has been a wonderful and fun adventure since graduation. I fell in love with the excitement, teamwork and the camaraderie in the operating room during my surgical rotation at the Orvis School of Nursing. After graduation, I went to work in the operating room at St. Mary's Hospital and stayed there for many years. It was there that I met my husband, Tom Brady, a urologic surgeon, "over the mask," as they say. In 1979 I returned to Nevada and earned my MBA several years later. I ended my nursing career at Reno Medical Plaza, the first free-standing surgery center in the state. Along the way, my husband and I traveled the nation and the world. We learned a lot and made great new friends, but we always return

to Reno, the university town we both love and call home. I was proud to serve as a trustee of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board for six years and have been involved with the Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association for many years. In 2008, I received a University Service Award from the Nevada Alumni Association.

What are your fondest memories of Nevada?

I look back on my years at Nevada with cherished memories, laughter and much gratitude. My twin sister Joanne (Pritchard) Meschery '63 (home economics) and I started college together and graduated together. Our father was a Methodist minister with five children, so we are forever grateful for the financial

aid that we received that made our Nevada education possible. We lived in Manzanita Hall our first year. Our room was on the third floor right over the front door, so we kept good track of the various comings and goings. I remember carrying books in a line with other students from the (really) old library to the new (at the time) Getchell Library. My twin and I sang in a quartet and participated in many Wolf Frolics during Homecoming week. I remember walking to nursing classes in the home economics building in my blue dress, white apron, and starched nurse's cap that resembled nothing so much as an upside down bedpan. Most of all, I remember walking through the Quad one night during a snowstorm; it was magical.

What have you done that you are most proud of?

There have been many proud moments: graduations, weddings, awards, our induction into the Honor Court at Nevada. But I have to say that the proudest day of my life was the day I adopted my three beautiful daughters, my husband's children. Actually, we adopted each other one sunny day 10 years ago. Now I have four grandchildren, three of whom are Nevada graduates. Our granddaughter just enrolled in the master's program for social work.

What advice would you give someone just starting out after college?


I posed this question to a granddaughter and grandson. The grandson said, "Travel, travel, travel!" The granddaughter said, "Get ready to rumble!" I agree with both those statements, but must add three of my own: 1) Cherish and nourish those relationships established in college. They will serve you well your whole life. Besides, they can help you remember names and dates later on in life! 2) Stay connected to your university: join the alumni association, become involved with your alumni chapter, take advantage of the great opportunities for fun, education and socializing on campus. 3) Do what you love, and invariably, you will do it well! 

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MATHEMATICS — Left to Right, Row One: E. Halligan, E. Beesley. Row Two: D. Pfaff, R. Collison, T. McMinn, C. Oakley, C. Pinkerton.



Mathematics — Row One: F. E. Alden, C. F. Pinkerton, E. L. Halligan, E. M. Beesley, E. J. Constantino, C. W. Oakley. Row Two: J. D. Whitlock, E. C. Nummela, D. C. Pfaff, R. E. Collison, C. R. Borges, R. A. Macauley, T. J. McMinn.

Late professor McMinn's bequest to help professorships at College of Science

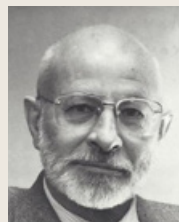
Before his passing, Associate Professor Emeritus Trevor James McMinn made a nearly \$1.3 million bequest in his estate to benefit the University of Nevada, Reno, where he served in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics for more than 25 years.

Through McMinn's foresight and generosity, the College of Science is establishing the Trevor J. McMinn Research Professorships in Science. The professorships will support named faculty members in the departments of biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics and statistics, as well as their faculty research.

"We are deeply grateful to Dr. McMinn for his dedication to the University during

his lifetime, as well as his lasting generosity that will benefit future professors at the College of Science," says College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson.

McMinn was born in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1921, and passed away in Reno, Nov. 4, 2013. He received his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of California, Berkeley with a specialization in mathematical logic in 1956. McMinn then took a position at the Universi-



Associate Professor Emeritus Trevor James McMinn

University of Nevada, Reno mathematics faculty, including late Associate Professor Emeritus Trevor McMinn, in the 1964 (left) and 1965 Artemisia yearbooks.

ty of Washington for six years before coming to the University of Nevada in 1963. McMinn also worked as a civilian employee of the Navy during the second world war degaussing ships in Florida.

McMinn retired from the University in 1988, but maintained ties with the department as professor emeritus. McMinn loved nature, traveling the world, being with friends, hiking and skiing, and is remembered by his loved ones as someone who was a true gentleman, considerate of everyone and everything, and loved by all who knew him.

—Roseann Keegan

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